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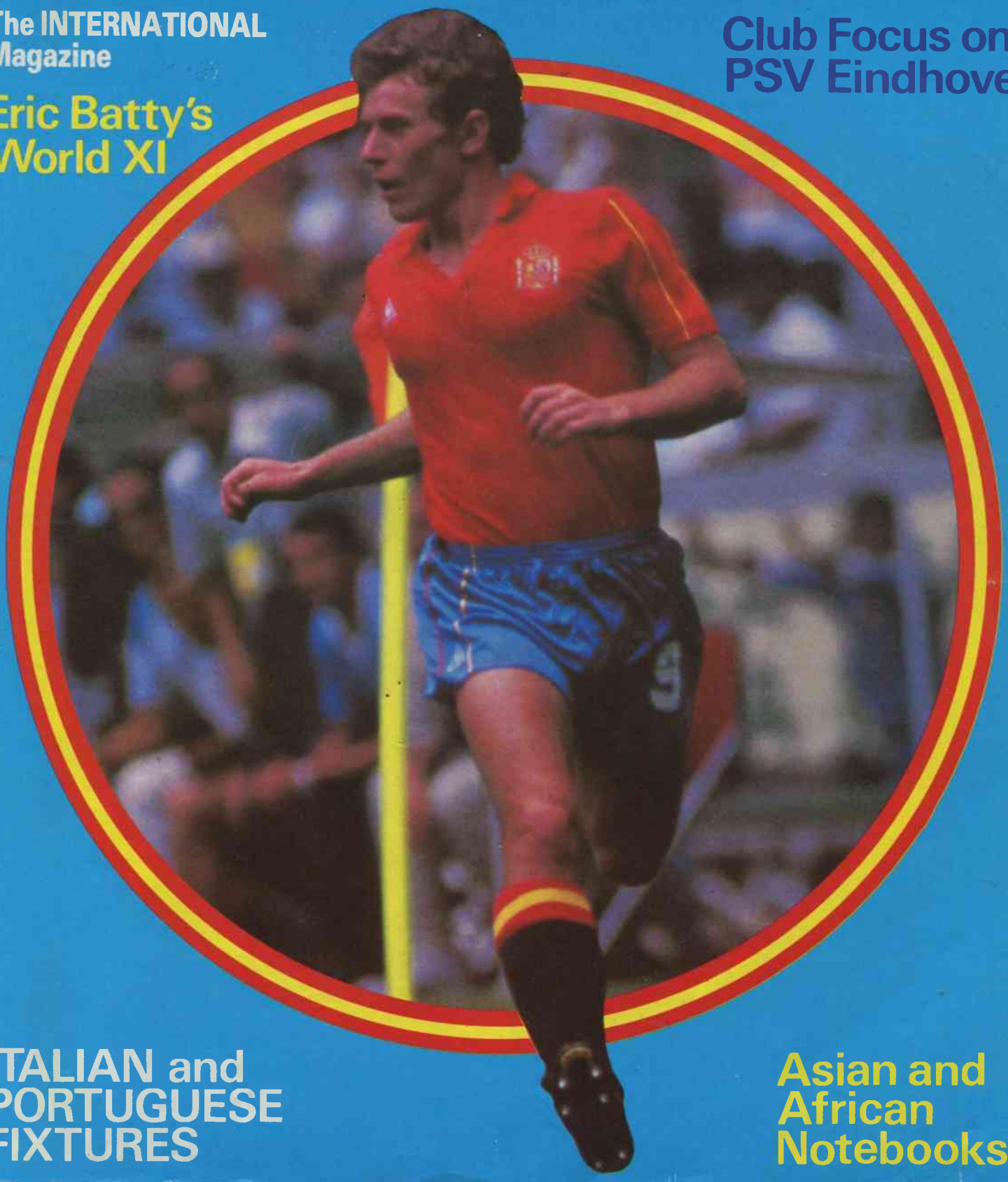

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DIEGO MARADONA scores a World Cup-class goal to secure a 1-0 victory for Napoli over Brescia on the opening day of the new Italian season.

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SOCCER SUICIDE

Luton decision is another blow to plans for a European return

THE FOLLOWING clubs, apparently, do not want to see English teams back in European competitions:

Everton, Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday, Notts County, Blackburn, Crystal Palace and Oldham.

How do we know? Simple. These clubs' representatives were on the Football League management committee which decided to throw Luton out of the Littlewoods/League Cup because they dared shut their gates to visiting fans.

Luton had aroused the ire of the League because they did not want any Cardiff fans at Kenilworth Road where the Hatters operate a members-only scheme which bans all opposing supporters.

The success of Luton's scheme has been applauded everywhere this season. People living near the ground have been able to take down the barricades on match day; women and children have been able to attend games in safety.

A few weeks earlier, at a UEFA executive committee meeting in Prague, president Jacques Georges said that, contrary to an improvement in the behaviour of English fans since the Heysel Disaster, things had got worse.

Only at the start of August, West Ham and Manchester United fans were causing mayhem on the way to a pre season tournament in Holland. All the proud, ostrich boasts that English League hooliganism had been reduced last season was exposed.

If there were fewer incidents in grounds, it was only because fewer people were attending matches.

Then came the awful violence at the Bradford v Leeds game. It was the first match for which Leeds supporters were allowed to travel after an away-day ban imposed following their depraved behaviour at Birmingham at the end of last season.

At Bradford this time a chip kiosk was set alight, missiles were hurled, and fans — horror-struck by the shadow of the Valley Parade tragedy — flooded on to the pitch seeking safety.

The mindless morons who appear to revel in such events are only encouraged by the apparent total disregard of the Football League management committee for the need to rid football of the stigma of stadium terrorists.

Perhaps these men are sunk so deep in soccer society that they do not understand the nation's demand for action to beat the hooligans. How could they misread the situation? How could they inflict even more damage on the game they are supposed to be running?

COVER PICTURE . . . is Emilio Butragueno, who has been enjoying a thrilling year with Real Madrid and Spain. Butragueno won the UEFA Cup and Spanish league with Madrid, collected the Bravo Young European Player of the Year award for the second successive season, then scored four times in Spain's World Cup thrashing of Denmark.

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THE Spanish league has joined the European domestic play-off stampede this season. On the face of it, this was an unnecessary move. Play-offs were introduced elsewhere — Scandinavia in particular — to try to counter the drop in attendances. But drawing the crowds is still no problem in Spain.

The decision, however, has been taken. So the new-look Spanish season runs like this:

First division: *All 18 teams play each other home and away as usual. The top six will then play each other home and away again and add on their first round points, to decide the champions and the UEFA Cup places. The second group of six teams play off home and away and the winners compete home and away against the champions and the Spanish cup-winners for the Professional League Cup. The third group of six teams play home and away to decide which three teams go down. Again, they carry over their points from the regular season.*

Second division: *All 18 teams play home and away and are then split into three groups. The top 12 teams split into two groups of six teams each. The winners of each group will be promoted together with the team — from either group — which has most points.*

Third division: *Called, confusingly, the Segunda B. Previously made up of two divisions and now just one, of 22 teams. This will be played on the traditional home and away league basis with the top three teams being promoted and the bottom four going down into the effective fourth division (called the Tercera, or Third!).*

Spanish Cup: *Always in the past, played with two leg ties. Now the rounds up until the eights-finals will be one-match-only on the ground of the team from the lower division.*

Pressure on Beenhakker for success at Madrid

by Keir Radnedge

REAL MADRID, winners of the UEFA Cup for the past two seasons, return this term to their old love, the Champions' Cup . . . led by a comparative unknown.

Leo Beenhakker is one of Dutch football's "shadow men". He lacks the worldwide reputation of a player such as Johan Cruyff or a manager like Rinus Michels. He was never a member of the great Dutch World Cup or Ajax Champions' Cup-winning teams of the 1970s. He never even played for Holland.

But Leo Beenhakker is, this season, the Dutchman who shoulders the greatest pressure since taking over this past summer as Madrid coach. Fans of the Spanish champions expect nothing less than that Beenhakker will bring home the Cup which has not graced the Madrid trophy room for 20 years.

Madrid won the Champions' Cup for the first five years of its existence from 1956. Their style and skill earned worldwide admiration and adulation — inspired as it was by the great Argentine centre-forward Alfredo Di Stefano. Later Di Stefano was joined by the great Hungarian goal-scoring machine, Ferenc Puskas, and in 1960 Madrid thrashed Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 in a European final, the film of which remains in perpetual demand by lovers of the game.

Death

Madrid did win the Champions' Cup again in 1966. That was the last time, but it is still the memory of 1960 which lives on: a memory reawakened in sad circumstances for Spanish fans last month with the death of Jose Maria Vidal, who played right-half for Madrid in 1960.

For the past two seasons Madrid have won the UEFA Cup under the guidance of veteran coach Luis Molowny. But Molowny is nearing retirement from his long-term post as Madrid's overall football manager. He enjoys working with young players but hates the hype which surrounds the professional game and has happily stepped back into the shadows.

Into his place steps Beenhakker, the comparative unknown who will end this season either as hero or villain.

Beenhakker is 45, a married man who began his playing career with the Rotterdam club Excelsior but had to retire at only 26 because of injury. He had obtained his coaching qualifications two years earlier and has hardly expected to need them so soon. But at least they enabled him to continue in the game, working with the juniors first of Veendam and then Go Ahead Eagles of Deventer.

He went back to Veendam as first-team coach, spent a year in the second division in charge of Cambuur and then moved into the top flight with Go Ahead before taking up youth coach appointments with the two Dutch giants — first Feyenoord of Rotterdam then Ajax Amsterdam. And it was while with Ajax that Beenhakker got his big break.

His good fortune was bad luck for veteran coach Cor Brom. Simmering unrest led to Brom being sacked within a fortnight of the start of the 1979-80 Dutch season and Beenhakker was appointed caretaker — with resounding success. Ajax won the championship with a three-point advantage over AZ Alkmaar and Beenhakker was immediately given a double-your-money offer by Spanish club Zaragoza.

Skill

In four seasons with Zaragoza, Beenhakker took them from relegation fighters to title contenders. His positive football, his insistence on skill at the expense of strength, earned many admirers and his name was linked with Real Madrid, Barcelona and several other major clubs when his contract expired in 1984.

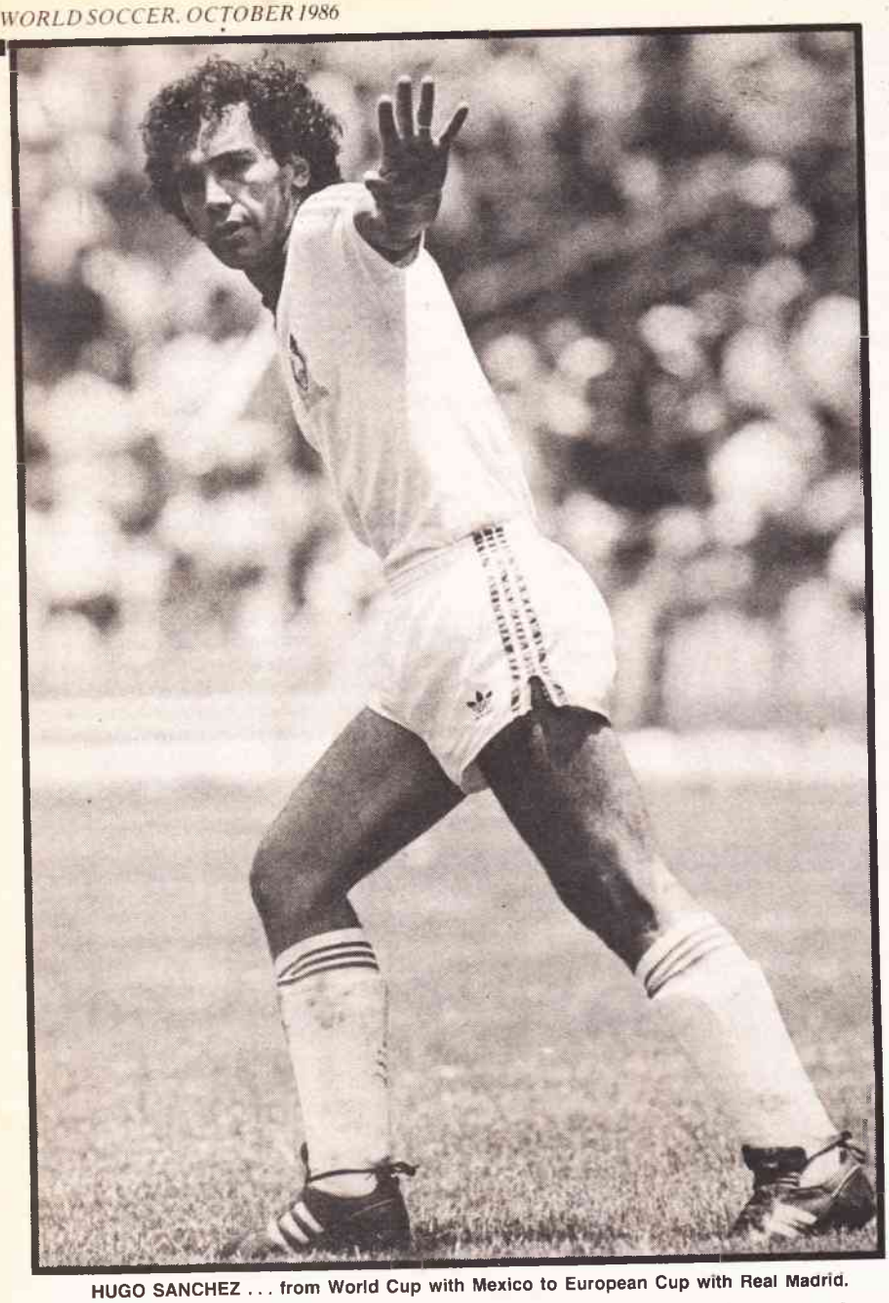
Surprisingly, Beenhakker decided to return to Holland. Even more surprisingly, he went to work with Volendam, in the second division.

Wisely

The club was small but had big ambitions and had been "adopted" by a major sportswear manufacturer. They had money to burn. Not all of it, unfortunately, was spent wisely. And the final straw for the fans was in the middle of the 1984-85 season when the Dutch federation sought Beenhakker's release to take over the national team after Holland boss Michels suffered a heart attack.

Volendam had little option but to agree. Holland failed to qualify for Mexico, missing out by a whisker when they lost to Belgium on the away goals rule in a qualifying play-off. But Beenhakker had done more than enough to impress the federation and inspire an offer to take over as full-time national boss.

He was about to accept formally when Real Madrid, on the recommendation of retiring coach Molowny, came calling. Their offer was one Beenhakker could not refuse. He was flattered by their attention and thrilled by the challenge. On the eve of Madrid's UEFA Cup semi-final against Internazionale of Italy last sea-



HUGO SANCHEZ . . . from World Cup with Mexico to European Cup with Real Madrid.

son, it was formally announced that Leo Beenhakker would take over during the summer.

Beenhakker was seen as an ideal choice not only by Molowny, but by Madrid president Ramon Mendoza, who has spent heavily — on Argentine World Cup-winner Jorge Valdano, on Mexico's Hugo Sanchez and Spain's European Championship stars Antonio Maceda and Rafael Gordillo — in an effort to bring back the glory days. Mendoza not only wants Madrid to win, he wants Madrid to regain the reputation for winning in style.

Attack

The new coach insists that although he wants his teams to attack, he does not want them to do so at all costs. So when Madrid return to the Champions' Cup at last next week, in their first-round tie against Switzerland's Young Boys of Berne, don't expect a ten-goal massacre.

Beenhakker says: "I like spectacular, entertaining football. But also I like my team to win its matches. Remember, this is a professional sport so winning is the priority. But I also believe that a football team's responsibility is to play in such a way that people want to keep coming back to watch. When my team has scored once then I want them to go on and score a second goal and then a third.

"Football is about much more than scoring one goal."

Even before the end of last season Beenhakker was advising Mendoza on which players he wanted and which players he could release. The two main newcomers are the former Sevilla goalkeeper Francisco Buyo, a Spanish World Cup reserve, and the young centre-back Mino — whom Beenhakker plans to use to strengthen midfield.

Beenhakker says: "I don't believe in making rash promises at the start of a season. It's not professional. It's not serious."

But, promises or not, Beenhakker has no illusions. Madrid's fans expect nothing less than total success.

WHO'S GONE WHERE?

BILBAO: Biurrun (Osasuna), Andrinua (Valladolid).

AT. MADRID: Rodolfo (Logrono), Ruben Bilbao (Santander), Julio Salinas (Bilbao), Elduayen, Uralde (Real Sociedad).

BARCELONA: Zubizarreta (Bilbao), Lineker (Everton), Hughes (Man. Utd), Roberto (Valencia), Salva (Hercules).

BETIS: Gail (Valladolid).

CADIZ: Cartagena (Hercules), Montero (Sevilla), Magico Gonzalez (free trs), Bermell (Valencia), Linares (Huelva), Conde (Zaragoza), Cabrera, Pedraza (At. Madrid).

ESPANOL: Melendez (Bilbao), Pichi Alonso (Barcelona), Francis (Castilla).

LAS PALMAS: Santis (Chile).

MALLORCA: Nadal (Sevilla), San Jose (Real Madrid), Trobiani (Rayo), Zaki (WAC Casablanca).

MURCIA: Parra, Moyano, Carlos (Hercules), Sanchez, Amador (Barcelona), Tendillo (Valencia), Mejias II (Cadiz), Timoumi (FAR, Morocco).

OSASUNA: Bernardo (Gijon), Suarez (Betis), Aguirre (Atlante, Mex).

SANTANDER: Buckley (Waregem, Bel).

REAL MADRID: Buyo (Sevilla), Mino (Gijon), Pardeza (Gijon).

REAL SOCIEDAD: Arrien (Santander).

SABADELL: Gimenez (Espanol), Manzanedo (Valladolid), Celayeta (Real Sociedad), Hicks (Libertad, Par), B. Ferreira (Dep. Cali).

SEVILLA: Fernando (Malaga), Leal, Ramon (Huelva).

GIJON: Villa (Sabadell), Flores (UNAM, Mex).

VALLADOLID: Moya, Moreno (Rayo), Hierro II (Malaga), Lemos (Celta), Wirth (Chile).

ZARAGOZA: Yanez (Valladolid), Mejias I (Cadiz).

THIS SEASON'S IMPORTS

REAL MADRID: Hugo Sanchez (Mex), Jorge Valdano (Arg).

BARCELONA: Lineker (Eng), Hughes (Wal).

ZARAGOZA: Ruben Sosa (Uru), Yanez (Chi).

AT. MADRID: Da Silva (Uru).

GIJON: Flores (Mex).

BETIS: Hadzibegic (Yug), Calderon (Arg).

SEVILLA: Sanabria (Arg), Nadal (Uru).

VALLADOLID: Wirth (Chi), Cabrera (Uru).

SANTANDER: Buckley (RI).

ESPANOL: Nkono (Cam), Lauridsen (Den).

LAS PALMAS: Contreras (Chi), Santis (Chi).

OSASUNAL: Pedersen (Den), Aguirre (Mex)

CADIZ: Magico Gonzalez (El S.).

MURCIA: Guina (Brz), Timoumi (Mor).

MALLORCA: Hassan (Mor), Zaki (Mor).

SABADELL: Hicks (Par), Buenaventura Ferreira (Par).

LUND SET FOR TITLE

by Peter Keeling

TOM LUND, the brilliant Norwegian striker, who Ron Greenwood once tried to sign for West Ham United, is proving just as successful a coach as he was a player.

For Lund, who turned down many offers from English and German clubs during his playing career, looks set to steer Lillestrom to the Norwegian championship.

Pipped at the death last season by Rosenborg of Trondheim, after making most of the running, Lillestrom can only lose the title this time through a major collapse in the final games. They have jumped into a championship winning lead over Mjondalen, Bryne and Start despite making a disappointing start to the season.

And it will represent a tremendous triumph for Lund, who in his first season as a coach in 1985 was so desperately close to winning the league as well as winning the Norwegian cup final.

Lund has organised his squad brilliantly this year, expertly utilising to the full the talents of former Start players Kjetil Osvold and Sten Haarberg.

Osvold, who scored the goal that beat Argentina 1-0 when playing for Norway just before the World Cup, has had a magnificent season in midfield for LSK while Haarberg, who started the season in the reserves, has been regularly among the goals along with Tom Sundby who has filled superbly a midfield slot in the Norwegian national team because of the injury to Hallvar Thoresen.

Lillestrom are undoubtedly the club sensation of the season and old-timers reckon that the present team is the best-ever Lillestrom side, and that they can become a force even in European football.

That possibility is well overdue. Because whatever the top Swedish clubs such as Malmo and Gothenburg can achieve then the Norwegians should also be able to emulate.

Norway undoubtedly have classy players at the top international level, but most of the top players are scattered all over the world and not available for club football. Now there are signs that LSK can at last give Norway something to shout about in Europe.

If LSK are the club sensation then the individual sensation of the season must be Freddie Orbeck whose 11 goals in the first 17 games went a long way to giving Mjondalen such a good season.

What has been such a shock about Orbeck's sharp shooting is that it is his first season in the top division after previously playing for Third Division Fram. While the first division naturally has commanded most of the headlines one of the features of the season lies in the second division exploits of Moss. They look set to return to their rightful place in the First Division again through promotion; but the biggest boost both at domestic and national level has been the fact that Einar Aas has played a full season for them and proved that he is fit and well again after the injury at Nottingham Forest that looked as though it had finished his playing career for good.

Aas has played a major part in the revival of Moss, and at the age of 30 he has also returned to international football.

Medal

Brann of Bergen, potentially the most attractive club at the turnstiles in Norway, look like returning to the First Division via the other Second Division table, and this gives another medal to English coach Tony Knapp, who has already taken Fredrikstad to promotion and earlier did the League and Cup double in the First Division with Viking.

Stavanger club Viking could do with Knapp's magic touch back because they are in danger of being relegated as they battle away with Molde and Strommen at the bottom of Division One.

If they finish third bottom then they will be involved in play-offs for survival with the two second teams in the Second Division.

Ironically in the year when the English league brings back play offs for the first time in over half a century the Swedish league is finally dispensing with this way of deciding the fate of promoted and relegated teams.

From 1987 onwards there will be no play offs in a remodelled league that sees an elite division, two first divisions and six second divisions.

Sweden's Peter Larsson thumps the ball clear under pressure from England striker Kerry Dixon.

HAAN FACES PROBLEM

by Iain Macleod

AS the new football season got under way in Holland and Belgium, there was much speculation about how last season's respective champions, PSV Eindhoven and Anderlecht would fare, both domestically and in the European Cup.

Both sides have new faces, though it is the famous Brussels outfit, who have been under the guidance of former Dutch international, Arie Haan, since last Christmas, which has undergone the most radical change from the title winning side.

Haan's problems stem not only from the loss of experienced players, but also from the after effects of those of his players who were in Mexico with the national side in the summer and whose return to domestic action has been rapid.

Haan thinks there could be a problem with motivation, adding that before anyone realised it, half the season would have passed. That is the problem and he is fully aware that by then it could be too late.

Danish sweeper Morten Olsen has moved to Koln, though his loss, at 37 had to happen sooner or later, though he leaves a void which has not been adequately filled. Haan feels that he is still two players short of the side he needs to make a substantive challenge on all fronts, clearly evident from what I saw.

Dutch international Adrie van Tiggelen, formerly of Sparta Rotterdam and Gromingen, has been brought in to shore up the defence. Other newcomers include Edward Krnevic, a Yugoslav with an Australian passport and alongside him up front, in this always cosmopolitan side, is Eugene Kabongo from Zaire.

Also in this year's squad are Guido Swinnen signed from Beerschot and Luc Nilis taken from Winterslag. But it remains to be seen how much the loss of Vandenbergh to Lille, and the imminent departure of the highly experienced Rene Vandereycken, will ultimately have on the side.

The situation concerning Vandereycken, now 33 years old, has not been without unpleasant overtones. Following a summer during which he had problems in the Belgian camp, Vandereycken returned to be told by Anderlecht that he had run his course. The club retain his signature and remain open to offers.

But Vanderycken must now be bitterly regretting his reluctance to move to Lille, having originally been offered a lucrative contract (the terms were superior to those he received at Anderlecht) by the French club.

Vandenbergh was then given an opportunity he did not have to think twice about, though the move could jeopardise his place in the national team.

Per Frimann has a bad injury that will keep him out of the Anderlecht side for a long spell and all in all Haan could have wished for a better opening to the new campaign. Trying to re-build is never easy and having taken the club to its 19th title in his first season. Club president Constant Vanderstock now assumes that progress has been quicker than initially thought, hence more pressure for Haan.

Vandenstock is Anderlecht and the club's imposing new stand is testimony that this grand old club not only wants success but expects it.

The new stand was built at a cost of £1.6 million, though such is the businesslike manner in which the club is run that it will soon be paid for. There are 600 seats (in blocks of five) for exclusive use by companies and at £800 apiece and £4,000 for a block, it can be seen why. Prospective customers have to take them immediately and for a minimum period of three years. They are all occupied.

The club has also been heavily sponsored for the past few years by one of Belgium's largest commercial concerns, the Generale Bankmaatschapit. With so much vested interest there is no place for failures.

Action on the field began on August 20, when Anderlecht and Brugge, who had provided such a nail-biting climax to the previous season's championship, met at Olympiapark to contest Belgium's Super Cup.

Last season, Anderlecht had won the play-off for the title by virtue of three goals scored away to Club's two as both matches were drawn. On this occasion, however, Brugge gained a measure of revenge against their old rivals when a 43rd minute goal by the ever-loyal Jan Ceulemans secured the first trophy of the season.

When the more serious business of the championship began a week later, Brugge took to the new season with a vengeance. And the victims were the luckless Waregem (last season's UEFA Cup semi-finalists) who they hit for eight without reply. Remarkably eight different players got their name on the scoresheet and even the Club's 'keeper missed a penalty late on.

Anderlecht opened with a 3-1 away win against Seraing, but when I saw them a week later, at home to Kortrijk, they offered little in terms of imagination or flair against a nine-man defence.

The goalless draw clearly illustrated the problems Haan is faced with, as the team seem to be caught in two minds as to how to play. In the first half, it was the more usual continental style, but then in the second-half, it was more the English style (which Haan feels is not for them) which involved sending a stream of worthless high balls into the box. A natural instinct perhaps, when one has a big, old-fashioned striker such as Kabongo

On the same evening Brugge were held to a 1-1 draw at Antwerp, and it appears likely they and Anderlecht will again vie for the crowd this season.

The national team made their first appearance since the Mexico finals, against the Repuplic of Ireland, in the opening match of the new European Championship campaign.

But the absence of defenders Gerets and Renquin, due to injury, led to defensive inadequacies as Thys, looking also to the future gave Franky van der Elst the opportunity to shine in the crucial role of libero.

And in a fine game that Belgium should have and deserved to win, the old habit of sitting on a slender lead proved fatal. An 89th minute penalty by Liam Brady ensured that Belgium had to be satisfied with one point from an exciting 2-2 draw, though in the first half-hour they had looked particularly good.

In neighbouring Holland, the domestic season began a little earlier and in the ere-divisie (first division) teams have been playing twice weekly in the early rounds.

Champions PSV look to close-season signings Frank Arnesen and Gerald Vanenburg. But Ajax, still the country's most popular club and guided by technical director Johan Cruyff, have not been idle. Though they continue to rely on a superb youth policy in preference to big name signings, early results suggest they will push the Philips outfit much closer than last season.

Vandenburg's loss has not been particularly serious, as Cruyff told me when I visited the club recently. Vanenburg was a technically good player which the club had in abundance and such is the talent at the club that he was by no means irreplaceable.

More serious has been the loss of gifted winger Rob de Wit, who suffered a minor stroke on holiday in the summer. Another cloud on the horizon concerns the almost certain departure at the end of the season of Marco Van Basten — the country's greatest talent.

Speculation about van Basten has been rife for months, but in the midst of confirmation by the club that he will depart for foreign fields and repeated denials by the player, the reality is that next season will probably see van Basten in Italy and the famous red and black stripe of Milan.

What is worrying for the Dutch is that it is felt when van Basten move on, it could signal the departure also of his contemporaries, Fank Rijkaard and Ruud Gullit.

Van Basten is a truly gifted footballer who undoubtedly possesses the rare natural instinct of the genuine striker and whenever I see play, he always seems to ooze that indefinable quality which can mean the difference between being good and being great. He remains one of the few players worth travelling any distance to see.

Both PSV and Ajax began the new campaign in lukewarm fashion. And the Amsterdam club, despite a brace from van Basten, lost shockingly at home, 3-2 against Den Haag in a midweek match which gave an indication that consistency could be a problem.

It is also all too apparent in Holland at present that football holliganism is not simply an English disease. Feelings are currently running high — "a war of attrition," one journanlist said me — among certain groups of supporters .

Fixtures

FIRST DIVISION SCHEDULE
Reverse dates in brackets

Aug 24 (Jan 4): Maritimo-Farense; Varzim-O Elvas; Porto-Benfica; Braga-Guimaraes; Sporting Lisbona-Chaves; Belenenses-Rio Ave; Portimonense-Salgueiros; Boavista-Academica.

Aug 31 (Jan 11): Farense-Boavista; O Elvas-Maritimo; Benfica-Varzim; Guimaraes-Porto; Chaves-Braga; Rio Ave-Sporting Lisbona; Salgueiros-Belenenses; Academica-Portimonense.

Sep 7 (Jan 25): Farense-O Elvas; Maritimo-Benfica; Varzim-Guimaraes; Porto-Chaves; Braga-Rio Ave; Sporting Lisbona-Salgueiros; Belenenses-Academica; Boavista-Portimonense.

Sep 14 (Feb 1): O Elvas-Boavista; Benfica-Farense; Guimaraes-Maritimo; Chaves-Varzim; Rio Ave-Porto; Salgueiros-Braga; Academica-Sporting; Portimonense-Belenenses.

Sep 21 (Feb 22): O Elvas-Benfica; Farense-Guimaraes; Maritimo-Chaves; Varzim-Rio Ave; Braga-Academica; Sporting Lisbona-Portimonense; Boavista-Belenenses; Porto-Salgueiros.

Sep 28 (Mar 1): Benfica-Boavista; Guimaraes-O Elvas; Chaves-Farensa; Rio Ave-Maritimo; Salgueiros-Varzim; Academica-Porto; Portimonense-Braga; Belenenses-Sporting Lisbona.

Oct 5 (Mar 15): Benfica-Guimaraes; O Elvas-Chaves; Farense-Rio Ave; Maritimo-Salgueiros; Varzim-Academica; Porto-Portimonense; Braga-Belenenses; Boavista-Sporting Lisbona.

Oct 19 (Mar 22): Guimaraes-Boavista; Chaves-Benfica; Rio Ave-O Elvas; Salgueiros-Farense; Academica-Maritimo; Portimonense-Varzim; Belenenses-Porto; Sporting Lisbona-Braga.

Nov 2 (Apr 5): Guimaraes-Chaves; Benfica-Rio Ave; O Elvas-Salgueiros; Farense-Academica; Maritimo-Portimonense; Varzim-Belenenses; Porto-Sporting Lisbona; Boavista-Braga.

Nov 9 (Apr 12): Chaves-Boavista; Rio Ave-Guimaraes; Salgueiros-Benfica; Academica-O Elvas; Portimonense-Farense; Belenenses-Maritimo; Sporting Lisbona-Varzim; Braga-Porto.

Nov 16 (Apr 26): Chaves-Rio Ave; Guimaraes-Salgueiros; Benfica-Academica; O Elvas-Portimonense; Farense-Belenenses; Maritimo-Sporting Lisbona; Varzim-Braga; Boavista-Porto.

Nov 30 (May 3): Rio Ave-Boavista; Salgueiros-Chaves; Academica-Guimaraes; Portimonense-Benfica; Belenenses-O Elvas; Sporting Lisbona-Farense; Braga-Martimo; Porto-Varzim.

Dec 7 (May 17): Rio Ave-Salgueiros; Chaves-Academica; Guimaraes-Portimonense; Benfica-Belenenses; O Elvas-Sporting Lisbona; Farense-Braga; Maritimo-Porto; Boavista-Varzim.

Dec 14 (May 24): Boavista-Salgueiros; Academica-Rio Ave; Portimonense-Chaves; Belenenses-Guimaraes; Sporting Lisbona-Benfica; Braga-O Elvas; Porto-Farense; Varzim-Maritimo.

Dec 28 (May 31): Salguerios-Academica; Rio Ave-Portimonense; Chaves-Belenenses; Guimaraes-Sporting Lisbona; Benfica-Braga; O Elvas-Porto; Farense-Varzim; Maritimo-Boavista.

THE 'NEW' PORTUGAL

Player	*Pos*	*Born*	*Club*	*Intl apps*
SILVINO Almeirda Louro	G	5-3-59	Benfica	2A/8U
Jose Ferreirinha (ZE BETO)	G	21-2-60	Porto	3ol/17jn
ALFREDO da Silva Costa	G	5-10-62	Boavista	3U
EDUARDO LUIS M. Kruss Gomes	D	6-12-55	Porto	2A
Joao Ribeiro Silva (COSTEADO)	D	3-1-59	Vit.Guimaraes	
MIGUEL Alberto Fernandes Marques	D	7-6-63	Vit.Guimaraes	
Manuel Amadeu Matos MATIAS	D	18-3-64	Salgueiros	2jn
Pedro Manuel R. VENANCIO	D	21-11-63	Sporting	4A/4U/13jn
JAIME Alves Magalhaes	D	5-11-66	Sporting	1U/11jn
SHEU Han	M	3-8-83	Benfica	21A/7U/10jn
Antonio Augusta Silva VELOSO	M	31-1-57	Benfica	9A/1B/2jn
Adelino Carlos Morais NUNES	M	10-9-60	Benfica	3A/5ol/2U
Rui Antonio Ferreira (NASCIMENTO)	M	22-3-60	Vit.Guimaraes	5jn
Carlos Manuel P. Pinto (ADAO)	M	3-4-60	Vit.Guimaraes	2A/5jn
MARIO JORGE S. Pinho Fernandes	M	24-8-61	Sporting	4A/13U/6jn
Francisco Costa Saura (PAQUITO)	M	11-9-60	Maritimo	4o1/4U/6jn
CARLOS Jorge M. Caldas XAVIER	M	26-1-62	Academica	2A/15U/6jn
JAIME Jeronimo das Merces	M	27-9-63	Belenenses	3A/6U/12jn
MANUEL Jose Tavares FERNANDES	S	5-6-51	Sporting	26A/1B/6U
JOSE Antonio Silvestra RAFAEL	S	21-11-58	Boavista	2A/4ol/8jn
PEDRO Alexandre Caldas XAVIER	S	26-1-62	Academica	2A/2U

Key: G = goalkeeper; D = defender; M = midfield; A = attack; S = striker; A = full international; B = B intl; ol = Olympic app; U = under-21; jn = juniors.

TRIUMPH for Carlos Manuel after scoring the World Cup winner against England. His joy was to be short-lived.

New broom in Portugal

by Keir Radnedge

ALMOST a year has passed since Carlos Manuel scored one of the most surprising goals of the World Cup to send Portugal to the finals in Mexico.

The Benfica midfielder rattled in the only goal of a qualifying match away to West Germany. It provided the Germans' first-ever defeat in the preliminaries and it was enough to put the Portuguese through.

But that was to prove the high point of Portugal's World Cup. After that, the problems began.

Club demands meant that manager Jose Torres was allowed only three warm-up matches before flying to the finals — and they had to be staged four months before the big event. Then, once the squad arrived in Mexico, the players threatened to strike unless the federation gave in to demands for better bonuses.

The federation countered with the threat to send the players home, and it was only the intervention of Portuguese President, Mario Soares, which persuaded the players to withdraw their strike threat.

Not that the size of the players' bonuses mattered in the end anyway. Portugal began with a 1-0 victory over England — Carlos Manuel again the scorer. But then they drew with Poland, were beaten by Morocco and finished bottom of their first-round group. Manager Torres resigned almost before the party had completed their ignominious flight home.

The federation might have been wise to leave the past alone and make a completely fresh start with a new manager. Instead they announced that the eight ring-leaders behind the World Cup row were being suspended indefinitely from the national team. The other 14 players immediately quit in sympathy.

The federation compounded that by equally controversially appointing a lawyer — Dr Rui Seabra — as national team selector with the assistance of two coaches to organise training and tactics. The two coaches are Juca, a former international who had been on the federation staff for several years, and Antonio Oliveira, a controversial one-time star midfielder with Sporting Lisbon and FC Porto.

The new arrangements infuriated the coaches' federation which counts as members all the first-division club managers, apart from Englishman John Mortimer of Benfica.

Henrique Calisto, the coach to Varzim who is also president of the trainers' association, described the national teeam's managerial reorganisation as "an insult to all our members". He also attacked Oliveira for becoming involved and refusing to "demonstrate solidarity" with fellow members of the profession.

Calisto added: "Responsibility for our national team now rests with a committee headed by two lawyers, two professors of physical education, one trainer (Juca) and one "half" trainer — because Oliveira compromised his coaching certificate when he was both player and manager at Maritimo of Madeira last year.

"That is no way to run a football team — particularly a team which is without all the best players already!"

Oliveira hit back immediately. Above all, he was furious at Calisto's suggestions that he should have shown "solidarity" with members of the coaching association. Oliveira said: "How can I have any respect for this man or for his association? I didn't know one had to read Lenin and Marx before you were allowed to run a football team."

Calisto replied: "Yes, I have read Lenin and Marx. And that's not all. I'm pleased that Portuguese football trainers do have the intelligence and education now to read more than just Donald Duck comics. I read many authors. But I won't name them because I wouldn't want to inflict on Oliveira the humiliation of having to ask his better-educated friends about them."

As Calisto was firing back, so the new national squad was coming to the end of a four-day training camp. The blanket suspension of the World Cup 22 had ruled out many of the stars of the big Three Clubs — Benfica, Sporting and Porto. But Seabra's initial selection was able to count on players such as centre-back Venancio (who had missed the World Cup because of injury) and Benfica full back Veloso (who was dropped from the World Cup squad before the flight to Mexico after failing a dope test at a league match).

Also back in the national squad, after a long absence, was the 35-year-old Sporting striker Manuel Fernandes, who had refused to play under Torres after a series of rows between the two men.

These three will presumably form the backbone of the Portuguese team which opens its European championship qualifying campaign against Sweden on October 10. A campaign which they will begin without the benefit of a warm-up match.

Seabra had hoped the federation could arrange a September friendly. But again the demands of the clubs on their players made this impossible. He said: "Obviously, I would have liked a match before the European championship. But, with the European club competitions getting under way, this was clearly impossible. It's disappointing but we always knew we would have these problems.

"Already, however, we have contacted the federations of France, Holland, Spain, Belgium, England and Switzerland to see if we can arrange some matches at the start of next year. Then, maybe, we can make up for lost time."

Seabra's challenge is that not only has he lost time, he has lost a team. And that is very hard since the Portuguese league is overloaded with mediocre foreigners — particularly Brazilians, who can play without restriction because of the dual nationality arrangements.

In the 1950s and 1960s almost all the first division clubs employed a string of Africans from Angola and Mozambique. These were then Portuguese colonies and thus stars such as Eusebio, Aguas, Coluna and Costa Pereira could play for Portugal.

The same does not apply, however, to the imported Brazilians.

It's a problem picked up by Benfica's English coach, Mortimore. He says: "I am not against the influx of Brazilians. They can be very exciting players. The problem is that there are too many of them here and that restricts the opportunities available to young Portuguese players. And if the local lads can't get into the league teams, how can they hope to be good enough to get into the national team?

"You must decide what you want: if it's a good national team, then restrictions on imports are imperative. But I'm not sure that it is possible nowadays, judging by the Italian example, to have both an outstanding championship AND an outstanding national team."

Mortimore believes he is "only two players short" of a top-class squad at Benfica. But he does regret that not enough has been done to keep the club's youth development work up to scratch. He says: "When I came here for my first spell ten years ago the youth teams were full of super young players who came through to the first team and went on to play for their country. I don't know why, but our youth section today has no one to compare with any of those."

Benfica will rely again for goals on rangey Dane Michael Manniche, who has decided to stay another year in Lisbon after looking around during the summer for a better deal in West Germany or perhaps with one of the newly promoted Italian clubs.

Manniche has been inconsistent so far and Mortimore even went as far as to pull him off in the awkward 1-0 home win over Farense. The Benfica fans jeered their English coach as he sent on a defender in place of Manniche in the closing minutes to protect a lead secured on the hour by the Brazilian midfielder, Chiquinho.

Shock leaders at this early stage of the season are the unfashionable outfit of Belenenses. They have not won the championship for 40 years but they have won all their first four games, gaining confidence all the time. Match number four saw their best display for years as they thrashed Portimonense 5-1 in the Algarve with goals from Jaime (two), Djao, Silverio, Mapuata.

Just one point behind Belenenses are Sporting Lisbon. Midfielders Jaime Pacheco and Sousa have returned to Porto after only a year and off the field controversy has raged over whether president Joaoa Rocha will really go ahead with his threat to resign. The players have managed to ignore all the fuss and and Mexico World Cup Manuel Nagrete has proved immensely popular already. In the 2-0 win over Academica Negrete he laid on the first goal for Englishman Raphael Meade then smashed in the second himself.

CLUB FOCUS . . .

Can PSV de after so ma unkept promis

WITH another season of European club competition now under way, all eyes were focused on the PSV Eindhoven v Bayern Munich tie in the Champions' Cup.

But it wasn't a happy occasion for PSV who lost the first leg at home, 2-0.

The Bavarians are a club who have seen and done it all before, but the opponents from the industrial south of Holland, have always seemed in recent times, to promise a little more than they could deliver.

The Philips Sports Vereninging from Eindhoven, was founded in 1913, but despite being eight times Dutch champions and three times cup winners, PSV, as they are better known, have, for most of their history, lived in the shadows of Holland's two great clubs — Ajax and Feyenoord.

Success for the Eindhoven club has been achieved, largely in the post-war period. The early days were not distinguished by a glut of trophies, though prior to the war, they were twice Dutch champions, initially in 1929, and then again six years later.

In those far-off days, Dutch soccer was still wholly amateur, reflected by a national championship contested on a regional basis of five groups of ten teams, with the group winners playing off for the Dutch championship.

PSV were always in the southern group, which they won in 1929, losing only one match, before going on to win their first major title, by winning six and losing two of their matches in the final play-offs, to finish two points clear of Go Ahead Deventer. And six years later, the club had an even more impressive record in the final stages, as they swept to their second title.

With the onset of war, however, thoughts of soccer were to be far removed from the people of a nation devastated by the occupying forces of the Wehrmacht. And when the war was over and rebuilding began, it was, not unnaturally, to take time for sport to find a solid organisational base again.

In 1950, PSV won the Dutch Cup for the first time, the prelude, the following season, to the club's third championship win. The 1950/51 season was to see the Dutch game being partly restructured, and though the system remained basically as before, there was an end to regionalisation, with 56 clubs nationwide divided into four classes, the winners still forced to play-off to find the nation's best.

Those were good days for the town of Eindhoven, as both of the town's clubs were then top-ranked. And, when Holland took a great leap into the unknown, by introducing semi-professionalism in season 1954/55, both clubs contested the final stages of the inaugural semi-professional championship. PSV, however, could finish only third, despite losing only one match. Four draws for the Eindhoven club ensured that it was Willem II, who were to create a little slice of history.

Niche

But, on September 21, 1955, PSV Eindhoven were to create their own niche in Dutch soccer history. Although they were not national champions, they were nevertheless, the first Dutch side to participate in European competition, in Vienna, against Rapid, in the inaugural European Cup.

It had never been the intention of the organisers that the inaugural tournament should be contested by national champions only, as they required well in advance — for administrative purposes — the names of the competing clubs. Holland Sport had been the original Dutch entry, but a late change of heart led to PSV's inclusion, though the 6-1 hammering incurred in Vienna, might well have made them wish they had stayed at home.

By the start of the 1956-57 season, Holland had stepped in line with most European nations by scrapping the play-off system and introducing two divisions, with the winners of the first division (eredivisie), undisputed national champions. PSV finished sixth that year and it was to be 1963, before the Eindhoven faithful could celebrate another title win. Another lean period was to follow, however.

Opportunity

Entry into the European Cup, ensured an opportunity to make amends for that disastrous initial showing eight years earlier. And they did, at least, earn a measure of respectability, with victories against Esbjerg and Spartak Plovdiv, before FC Zurich, in the quarter-finals, ended another European campaign.

The following years were to offer nothing in the way of silverware as Ajax dominated the Dutch scene, almost to the exclusion of everybody else. As the decade approached its end, PSV twice reached the Dutch cup final, twice ending up with losers medals.

There was, however, the consolation of a crack at the Recopa, though in 1969, they were more than a little unfortunate against Roma. Both sides won their home leg by a single goal, and when extra-time failed to produce a result, lots had to be drawn — penalties had not yet been introduced – and Roma went through.

A year later with entry into the Recopa again gained through the back door, PSV on this occasion had a prolonged run and came within an ace of making the final. Successive trips behind the Iron Curtain, to play Gottwaldov, Steaua and Vorwaerts, were negotiated successfully and thus set up the most glamorous tie in the club's history — a semi-final clash with mighty Real Madrid.

Madrid were, of course, legendary in Europe and achieved their initial aim by holding PSV to a goalless draw in Eindhoven. But if Real had any thoughts of an easy passage at Bernabeu, they were soon to be shown that PSV were, slowly but surely, growing up in Europe. And though they eventually succumbed 2-1, after a tremendous struggle, the Dutch club had gained numerous new admirers. Indeed, PSV were on the verge of the greatest period in their history.

Like many continental clubs, PSV are a multi-sports organisation: they are also the club of Philips, the giant electrics multinational corporation, who own several huge factories in the Eindhoven area and employ about 30,000 of the town's population of 193,000. Therefore, PSV also, provide a recreational outlet for the company's personnel.

Founded: 31 August 1931
President: Jacques Ruts
Stadium: PSV Stadion (27,000)
Technical Manager: Hans Kraay
Trainer: Guus Hiddink.
Assistants: Willy van der Kulen, Huub Stevens

Results since 1977

	Pos	P	W	D	L	For Agst	Pts
'76-'77	2nd	34	20	7	7	64-31	47
'77-'78	1st	34	21	11	2	74-21	53
'78-'79	3rd	34	20	9	5	65-23	49
'79-'80	3rd	34	18	8	8	66-37	44
'80-'81	5th	34	18	8	8	62-32	44
'81-'82	2nd	34	24	3	7	81-38	51
'82-'83	3rd	34	21	9	4	80-34	51
'83-'84	2nd	34	23	6	5	88-32	52
'84-'85	2nd	34	17	14	3	84-33	48
'85-'86	1st	34	27	6	1	100-22	60

Champions: 1929, 1935, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1986.
Dutch Cup: 1950, 1974, 1976.
UEFA CUP: 1978.

And yet, although the Eindhoven club has always been well off, they somehow never seemed to have the magnetism of Ajax and Feyenoord, finding it hard to attract top players who preferred the brighter lights of Amsterdam and Rotterdam to industrial Eindhoven.

Contrary to what is generally believed, PSV are by no means completely subsidised by Philips, indeed, for many years, the Philips board were particularly stringent about the financial aid it offered the club. There was never the relationship, for instance, that Juventus had with Fiat. Not that Philips money did not find its way into the club, proof of which is exhibited by PSV's 27,000-capacity stadium — reconstructed in 1977 — and which is believed — as one would expect from Philips — to possess the finest floodlights in Europe.

The 1970s were to be Eindhoven's golden era, as they established themselves as a club fully capable of threatening the domination previously enjoyed by Holland's big two — Ajax and Feyenoord. Indeed, throughout the mid-seventies, PSV appeared to be on the way to dominating Dutch football for a decade to come.

There is no doubt that the turning point for the club was the appointment as coach, in 1972, of former Dutch international, Kees Rijvers. Rijvers played 37 times for Holland, and indeed, can be said to have had two international careers. In the late 1940s he played for NAC, during which time he won 19 caps. But then he moved to France, where he played for St

by IAIN MACLEOD

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	Date of birth	Debut	League games	goals	Prev. clubs
Goalkeepers					
Hans van Breukelen	04-10-1956	'84-'85	199	0	FC Utrecht, Nottingham Forest (Eng.)
Pim Doesburg	28-10-1943	'67-'68	681	0	Sparta, PSV, Sparta
Patrick Lodewijks	21-02-1967	–	–	–	–
Defenders					
Berry van Aerle	08-12-1962	'81-'82	113	1	–
Eric Gerets	18-05-1954	'85-'86	42	0	Standard Luik (Bel.), AC Milan (Ita.), MVV
Jan Heintze	17-08-1963	'82-'83	84	2	Kastrup BK (Den.)
Ronald Koeman	21-03-1963	–	183	58	FC Groningen, Ajax
Adick Koot	16-08-1963	'84-'85	17	0	–
Randy Samuel	23-12-1963	–	–	–	Vancouver
Ivan Nielsen	09-10-1956	–	186	13	Fremad Amager (Den.), Feyenoord
Midfield					
Frank Arnesen	30-09-1956	'85-'86	182	66	Fremad Amager (Den.), Ajax, Valencia (Sp.), Anderlecht (Bel.)
Willy van de Kerhof	16-09-1951	'73-'74	480	66	FC Twente
Frans van Rooy	03-07-1963	'83-'84	59	9	–
Michel Valke	25-08-1959	'79-'80	267	40	Sparta, PSV, Feyenoord
Cemal Yilolaz	01-10-1986	-	1	-	Willem II
Gerald Vanenburg	05-03-1964	–	173	64	Ajax
Forwards					
Ruud Gullit	01-09-1962	'85-'86	210	86	Haarlem, Feyenoord
René van der Gijp	04-04-1961	'83-'84	134	52	Sparta, Lokeren (Bel.)
Jurrie Koolhof	10-01-1960	'81-'82	164	109	SC Veendam, Vitesse
Rob McDonald	22-01-1959	'85-'86	188	93	Hull City (Eng.), SC Cambuur, FC Wageningen, Willem II, FC Groningen
Hallvar Thoresen	12-04-1957	'81-'82	294	144	Larvik (Noor.), FC Twente

Etienne and Stade Français, for a number of years before moving back to Holland, and joining Feyenoord. An astute inside forward he soon forced his way back into the national side — after a seven-year absence — and went on to finish his playing career with the Rotterdam club. Then he became a coach and he was to gain even greater fame, reknowned for his meticulous planning and iron discipline.

Rijvers transformed a moderately successful club into one of the most feared in Europe and all in the space of three short years. What Rijvers built at PSV, was not, perhaps, in the Ajax mould, but a side which was, nevertheless, a solid, all-round outfit, as capable of producing a breathtaking attacking display, as they were of shutting up shop in difficult European away ties.

He brought shrewdly, enticing the van der Kerkhof twins, Rene and Willy, away from Twente, and taking the gifted and genial Swede, Ralf Edstroem, from Atvidaberg. All were to prove major successes and with an oustanding 'keeper in Jan van Beveren, once Rijvers had restored the confidence of prolific goalscorer, Willy van der Kuylen, he had a string of world class players at his disposal. Van der Kuylen was a great servant to PSV, and by the time he hung up his boots, was Holland's all-time leading scorer with 311 goals.

In 1971/72 season, PSV gained revenge over Real Madrid, by eliminating them from the UEFA Cup, only to crash 4-0 in Lierse, in the next round. Under Rijvers, such inconsistency would be erased and by 1974, the jigsaw was just about complete as PSV gave warning of deeds to come, beating NAC 6-0, to convincingly win the Dutch Cup. They were on their way.

The mid-1970s were to be the most successful in the club's history — though they were not quite to achieve true greatness. In 1974/75, PSV swept to their first Dutch title in 12 years, playing a brand of exciting soccer that was particularly effective at home, where they remained unbeaten throughout the season. Indeed, they were to be virtually invincible at home during the golden era.

But having lived for years in the shadow of Ajax, in particular, proof of greatness would be provided only by success in Europe. A fine run in that season's Cup Winners Cup, which included a famous quarter-finals victory against Benfica — PSV won 2-1 in Lisbon, after being held to a goalless draw at home — took them again to within one step of a European final. There was still, however, some growing up to do in Europe and though they beat Dynamo Kiev 2-1 in Eindhoven, the Soviets were far too strong in the return, comfortably winning 3-0.

Frank Arnesen and Gerard Vanenburg after PSV's penalty shoot-out victory over Tottenham in the semi-finals of the Gamper tournament in Barcelona.

Double

Rijvers was well aware that there were still rough edges to smooth out, but that the summer was put to good effect was seen the following season as PSV romped to the double for the first and only time in their history. In a close-run finish to the championship, they edged out Feyenoord by a mere point to take the title, then beat Roda JC, 1-0 in the cup final, only to be denied a glorious treble, somewhat ironically by Rijvers' old club — St. Etienne.

The European Cup was the ultimate prize and having demolished Lifield and Ruch Chorzow, in the early rounds, Hajduk Split succumbed in the quarter-finals — though PSV came close in the second leg to throwing away a three-goal advantage.

Their semi-final opponents, St Etienne, were then among Europe's elite and in a titanic struggle, PSV's failure to score home and away

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Simon Kuper asks . . .

Is Gullit Holland's Maradona?

PSV, financed as they are by the electronics giant Philips, have spent a lot of money on players over the last two years.

The Danes Ivan Nielsen and Frank Arnesen and the Belgian Eric Gerets, who all played in Mexico, have come to Eindhoven. Dutch internationals Hans van Breukelen and Rene van der Gijp also joined PSV.

But to the public they are merely the people who line up with Ruud Gullit.

Gulluit is 24 years old. He has 20 caps. Of Dutch West Indian origin, his main characteristics are his size (extra large) and his Rasta dreadlocks.

His professional career started at 16, with Haarlem. Haarlem's Welsh manager Barry Hughes was impressed by him, and unwisely said so. As a result Manchester United were after him before he was 17. In 1982, however, at 19, Gullit joined Feyenoord, Holland's Man. United. He stayed with them for three years and made his debut for Holland.

He joined PSV last year. Feyenoord's fans called him a mercenary, but Gullit said he simply wanted to play in a better team.

Feyenoord were not even contenders for the Dutch championship.

PSV were gunning for a European Cup. But Gullit was suspended after being sent off in the first round, and without him PSV were beaten by Dnjepropetrowsk in the second round.

It is this suspension which kept him out against Bayern Munich.

He is the player PSV can least afford to miss. Although playing at sweeper last season he scored 27 goals and set up many more.

Usually his attacking impulse comes from his Beckenbauer-like rushes from defence.

He will beat five or six opponents and then release a frightening drive or reach the goalline to cross.

The way he fools opponents is interesting. He doesn't. He just runs past them, ignoring their presence.

His long strides prevent others from keeping up with him. On one such run for Feyenoord against Alkmaar he ran from one penalty area to the other to sidefoot a goal. Nobody so much as tackled him.

No wonder he was chosen the Dutch Players' Footballer of the Year last February.

Gullit must be the best player not to have appeared in Mexico. Like George Best, he is the star of a weak national side.

Team-mate Gerets, whose Belgian team reached the semi-finals, said: "Ruud Gullit is an exceptional player. I saw nobody like him in Mexico".

PSV's manager, Hans Kraay, said straight out: "Gullit is as good as Maradona".

But despite his great skill, something may be missing. Does Gullit have the competitive drive which a great sportsman must have?

In 1983 he said: "I don't feel the urge to win. If we win it's fine, and if we lose deservedly I don't mind."

He admitted that after Belgium eliminated Holland from the World Cup in a play-off he slept very well, thank you.

Holland's irascible manager Rinus Michels ("Football is War!") lambasted him so severely one would have thought Gullit had slept during the match itself.

Gullit claims to be more competitive now, but one cannot picture him sobbing on Michels' shoulder after a defeat. He would more probably be strumming a guitar and singing gentle love songs beside an Amsterdam canal.

He comes from bohemian Amsterdam and his single Not the Dancing Kind reached the Top Ten although it does not have a footballing theme.

His song-writer says of him: "He hasn't got Iglesias' timbre, but then he's more rhythmic. He could stop playing football and become a pop star."

But Gullit says he has no more musical ambitions. He may be a more single-minded footballer today than he once was, but if PSV Holland fail to qualify for the European championship finals, it probably won't keep Gullit awake at night.

ERIC BATTY WITH HIS ANNUAL SELECTION

Diego — out Gary — in!

FOR many years now it has been my privilege to choose a World XI at this time of year. I know from my postbag, and from personal friends and press colleagues that my selections are controversial.

In particular I remember back in the early 1970s, naming Antonin Panenka of Bohemians Prague, when he was still unknown.

Thousands said "Antonin who?" — and they discovered him four years later, in 1976, when he was one of the Czech heroes who won the European Championship that year in Belgrade.

It is inevitable that in a World Cup year with its worldwide exposure a team chosen by anyone would be dominated by players that appeared in Mexico, and I am no different. Except that, my team is going to be notorious for the superstars that I have omitted!

I never chose Cruyff in the years after he became a star, and for just the same reason I leave out the world's own pin-up boy, Diego Maradona.

Maradona plays the way he wants to play — just as Michel Platini has been doing since the end of season 1972-73.

Stars such as he, Maradona, Cruyff (at his peak), and Eusebio (for most of his career), lived on their reputations.

They are of course entitled to do that — if they can get away it. But in my book too many stars today take little breaks or in the case of Maradona, long breaks; hiding among the masses in midfield, once their team is winning.

I want my team to entertain the fans for the whole 90 minutes; to try and win 10-0 *every* time we play, because that is what is required today to bring back the missing millions. That means that all 11 players out on the park, have to do it for 90 minutes.

The fact that Eusebio, Cruyff, Plantini and Maradona and many, many others today, do not give 100 per cent for the whole game, is due to their manager's lack of character and a general lack of discipline.

I know from personal experience, because I still get paid for coaching young players two evenings a week, that many players today are under the impression that because they were blessed with natural ability, that makes them good players.

In fact, they become good players by applying themselves: working like dogs in a physical sense, and learning "how" to play from a good coach.

Many of today's stars would disagree with that, but just to rattle off a few who proved they were out of their depth in Mexico, even though fans of their clubs think they are great, let me name a few in this category. Mexico was a personal disaster for Hugo Sanchez, Jesper Olsen, Jozef Mlynarczyk, Enzo Schifo, Glenn Hoddle, Terry Fenwick and the complete Hungarian team, to mention just a few.

There is another category beneath them — the list of players who should never have been taken to Mexico in the first place. Like Steve Archibald, Chris Waddle, Klaus Aloofs, Pierre Littbarski, and the whole Bulgarian squad. But to be quite honest it was their manager's fault that they were chosen, not theirs.

The plain truth is they were not good enough, and it showed.

Yet another class includes players like Michael Laudrup and Charlie Nicholas, who are top of my list as mis-fits. They are talented attacking midfield players, who are afraid to go too near the enemy goal. Perhaps the most unfortunate of all Morocco's Mohammed Timouni, who is blessed with an enormous amount of talent but never produced anything. He failed to go forward and score; he did not know how to play a through pass for a colleague to score from, and wasted his time dribbling in midfield getting nowhere. He would adorne your sideboard (though never on mine), but in spite of all his gifts he never, ever threatened to produce the goods.

Desire

Managers also made a terrible lot of mistakes, like Denmark's Sepp Piontek, who allowed his players' natural desire to beat the Germans, to overcome what must have been, his better judgment. The players, and population of Denmark, wanted to rub the German's noses in it — because of the events between 1939 and 1945. But all they achieved by winning 2-0 was to give themselves a far more difficult path towards the final. Had Denmark lost and gone the way of West Germany they could have reached the final.

Renat Dasajev
(Spartak Moscow & USSR)
Morten Olsen (5)
(1.FC Köln & Denmark)
Manuel Amoros (2) **(AS Monaco & France)**
Antonio Maceda (3) **(Real Madrid & Spain)**
Maxime Bossis (6) **(Racing Paris & France)**
Jean Tigana (4)
(Bordeaux & France)
Frank Arnesen (7)
(PSV Eindhoven & Denmark)
Luis Fernandez (8) **(Paris St G. & France)**
Alain Giresse (10) **(Bordeaux & France)**
Miguel Michel (11) **(Real Madrid & Spain)**
Gary Lineker (9)
(FC Barcelona & England)

LOWLY MALAWI KO ZIMBABWE

AFTER the euphoria of Morocco's World Cup performance, Africa's football scene is taking no break, with the latest inter continental struggle firmly focused on qualifying for next year's All Africa Games in Nairobi, the Seoul Olympics in two years, and, of course, the climax of this season's African club tournaments.

The qualifiers for the All-Africa Games have begun in earnest with one shock result produced already — the elimination of Zimbabwe by lowly Malawi over two legs in their preliminary round match.

The draw for this tournament has been broken up into Africa's seven regional zones, with one winner from each zone qualifying for the final tournament in Kenya, along with the already qualified host nation.

Zimbabwe are the only heavyweight casualty, so far, being dumped by Malawi on penalties after a 2-2 aggregate draw. After a 1-1 tie in the first leg in Lilongwe, the Zimbabweans looked comfortably placed to ease through when they hosted the Central Africa nation at Barbourfields in Bulawayo.

But, Malawi shocked the capacity crowd by scoring after 17 minutes through Ian Banda, who had also been their marksman at home. Although Shacky Tauro pulled one back within three minutes, Malawi held out to force the match into a penalty shoot-out after extra time.

Malawian strikers Young Chimodzi and Gilbert Chirwa netted each during the dramatic ending, with Tauro being the only Zimbabwean able to convert a spotkick. Malawi's 2-1 win on penalties means they will play either Swaziland or Mozambique in the next round.

In zone three, the Ivory Coast have taken a slender lead over Liberia with a 2-1 win in their first leg in Abidjan. Bamba Sekou opened the scoring for the home team after 38 minutes before Dominic Drapeau equalised two minutes after half-time. It needed a 55th minute penalty, converted by Amani Yao, to secure a one-goal advantage for the fancied Ivorians.

In the only other ties played thus far, two new FIFA members made their debuts on the international stage — and with not much excitement.

Djibouti's first ever international was a humiliation from start to finish, losing 7-1 to Madagascar in their zone seven first leg tie in the tiny Red Sea state.

Djibouti have since withdrawn, reasoning, quite understandably, that going to Madagascar for the return would be a waste of much-needed cash resources. Seychelles, who were inducted into FIFA at the Mexico City congress before the start of the World Cup finals, lost their first-ever game to island neighbours Mauritius, 2-1 in Seychelles capital Victoria. Changou had Mauritius in front after only 35 seconds with a neat header past Seychelles 'keeper Ange Dubignon.

Donald Monnaie scored a spectacular back-heel to pull the teams level after 30 minutes, but Jackson's powerful drive three minutes before the break sealed the victory for Mauritius.

The draw for the tournament, as announced by the African Confederation is:

Zone One: Algeria v Tunisia. **Zone Two:** Guinea v Gambia, Senegal bye. **Zone Three:** Benin v Ghana, Togo v Burkina Fasso, Ivory Coast v Liberia, Nigeria bye. **Zone Four: Cameroun v Angola, Gabon v Congo, Zaire v Rwanda. Zone Five:** Egypt v Somalia, Uganda v Tanzania. **Zone Six:** Malawi (bt Zimbabwe), Swaziland v Mozambique, Zambia bye. **Zone Seven:** Mauritius v Seychelles, Madagascar (bt Djibouti).

The line up for the quarter finals of Africa's Champions' Cup and Cup-winners' Cup has now finalised, after matches delayed by Algeria and Morocco's participation in Mexico, were completed.

Defending champions Royal Armed Forces (FAR) qualified for the last eight with an easy 6-1 win over Central African Republic's Scaf Tocages in Rabat. But the Moroccans had to wait four days after the scheduled date for the second leg to clinch their place, after the plane due to fly the Central African Republic's team from Bangui to Rabat was grounded.

Current African Footballer of the Year and one of Morocco's stars in Mexico, Mohammed Timoumi, now headed for a lucrative season in Spain with Murcia was among the scorers, with fellow internationals Laghrissi and Khairi also adding to the carnage.

FAR who will undoubtedly miss the midfield genius of Timoumi, play Cameroon's Canon Yaounde, who dashed hopes of an all-Moroccan quarter-final clash when they beat Maghreb Fez 3-1 on aggregate. Oman Biyick, with two goals, and Emmanuel Kunde saw to Canon's 3-0 home victory, after Aziz Slimani had scored the only strike of the first leg in Fez.

In the Cup-winner's Cup, Algeria's MP Oran joined the crumbled pile of national hopes when they failed against Egypt's Ismaili. With the national team's disappointing showing in Mexico and champion club JET's shock elimination from the Champions Club, MP Oran were left to hold the country's hopes high. But they could only manage a goalless draw at home after losing the first leg in Egypt by a single goal.

The CAF, meanwhile, have kicked Libya's Al-Ahli out of the tournament for failure to pay membership fees and fines. The Libyans were due to meet Morocco's Al Jadida, but they now move through to a quarter-final clash with Tunisia's Hamman Lif on a walkover.

Africa's triumphs on the international scene in recent junior tournaments have meant added emphasis is being placed on qualification for the upcoming FIFA-Coca Cola World Youth Cup in Chile.

Nigeria, again, look to set the tone, having already made it past the second round in African qualification. Playing with six of the members of the World U/16 champions, from China two years ago, the Nigerians beat Zambia 3-2 on aggregate, with Etim Esin scoring the decisive, and only goal, in the second leg in Lagos. Also through are the Ivory Coast, 4-2 aggregate victors over Cameroun, and Tunisia, who beat Guinea 2-1 over their two legs. In qualification for the Kodak World U/16 Cup, holders Nigeria drew 1-1 with arch rivals Ghana in their first leg in Accra.

BOTSWANA: Gaborone United hold a solid seven point lead over nearest rivals Botswana Defence Force XI in the First Division standings, although they have played an extra game. United beat BDF XI 2-1 in their crunch game recently and look easy bets for the title and a place in next year's African Champions Cup.

EGYPT: The 1986/7 Egyptian season kicked off with the annual cup competition and with El Ahly, Zamalek and Ismaili occupied in the various African competitions it seemed the perfect opportunity for Arab Contractors to take their first trophy for several years writes BOB PATEMAN.

The present Contractors side is however a very average team and they went out in the semi-finals to Mehalla who scored the only goal of the match in extra time. In the second semi final there were four bookings and only one goal, a brave header by Gamal Hamza giving Tersana victory over Misri.

The final itself was, I suppose, a technically poor game but what it lacked in science it made up for in excitement with forwards bursting past defenders, desperate sweeping tackles and enough miss-read bounces to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Mehalla it's true tried to slow the game down and build up moves from midfield but they failed to make any progress against a strong defence and it was Tersana who scored first.

A long clearance found the left winger and his strength took him past an ill timed tackle. He almost lost the ball on the line but recovered to cross for Gamal Abdul Halim to head into the open net. The second goal came from a series of defensive errors. Another long ball down the middle came to the centre half who had plenty of time to clear it but waited too long. Mohamad Ramadan threw himself into the challenge and knocked the ball on and over the head of the goalkeeper who, for some reason, had left his line. Ranadan was able to rush forward and give the final touch home. That second goal spurred Mehalla and during the last five minutes they produced the best football of the match creating three good chances.

The second half brought early and wasted chances for both teams but then the game deteriorated into a scrappy affair with several bad fouls and numerous stoppages.

When Mehalla did cut the lead it was from a penalty. Ahmed Hassan who was being given considerable room on the right crossed and a defender brought the ball down with his arm. Shawky Ghareb scored from the spot and Mehalla were back in the game.

However, as often happens, Mehalla pressed forward a little too much and a fast break saw Tersana score their third goal. The game still had one drama for us and in the last minute Shawky Ghareb scored from a second penalty.

The game left several impressions, mainly the vast gap between El Ahly — Zamalek and the rest of the Egyptian league. Of the two sides on show Tersana were worth their win if only because they were that much stronger whenever the ball was in the air. Being generous you could say the referee had a reasonable game but his linesmen were disappointing, failing to keep up with play and waving for some very doubtful off-side decisions.

Another strange thing was the way the Tersana players raced into the area whenever Ghareb started his run up to the penalty kick. On the second occasion one player actually got close enough to have tackled him!

I hope, had the penalty have missed, that the referee would have been brave enough to order the kick retaken. Certainly such deliberate breaking of the rules should have brought some response from the referee.

GHANA: Asante Kotoko have won the Ghanaian national soccer title for a record 13th time, with a 3-0 victory over traditional rivals Sekondi Hassacas securing the title.

Defending champions Hearts of Oak finished a disappointing eighth, with three clubs, Warriors, Dwarfs and Holy Stars, relegated to the second flight. Kotoko pipped neighbours Cornerstone by a single point, with Okwawu in third place, a further point behind.

After the championship victory, Kotoko went on to secure a place in the West African Football Union's trophy with an easy 6-1 aggregate win over Guinea's Hafia Conakry. Kotoko won the first leg in Kumasi 4-0, before finishing the Guineans off 2-1 in Conakry.

KENYA: AFC Leopards still remain unbeaten after 34 games of the First Division championship.

And are so far ahead of their nearest rivals, and defending champions, Gor Mahia, that the title is almost certainly theirs.

But Leopards almost lost their unbeaten run after 31 games, when they played Gor Mahia in front of a capacity crowd in Nairobi. Two goals down at half-time, Leopards fought back to win by the odd goal in five, with Patrick Shinto scoring the all-important winner 10 minutes from time.

Volcano United, the country's first semi-professional club who were formed last October, won their first major competitive match, beating Waterworks FC 2-1 in the preliminary round of the Moi Golden Cup, which will determine the country's representative in next year's African Champions Cup. Volcano were included in the tournament after Kenya's Sports Ministry overturned a Kenya Football Federation ruling that the club was ineligible for the tournament and next year's league championship.

Kenya football authorities ruled that Volcano could not take part in competitive matches because they had acquired players after February's transfer deadline. The inclusion of several foreigners, from neighbouring Tanzania and Uganda, was another hitch, as only two outsiders are allowed per team. But, against Waterworks, Volcano complied and played only Tanzanians Zamoyoni Mogella and Hamisi Gaga, out of their six foreign players.

LIBERIA: Mighty Barolle snatched the first Division title from under the noses of rivals Invincible XI with a 2-0 win over St Joseph's Warriors in the final round.

"The Rollers", finished with 34 points from 22 games, one more than Invincible XI.

The country also recently hosted the six-nation Friendship and Solidarity Tournament, won by the Ivory Coast, who beat Ghana 1-0 in the final.

MALAWI: Nitco and Limbe Leaf Wanderers are early leaders in the Malawian championship, with the former team two points ahead at the top of the table.

Nicto have 19 points from their opening 11 games, while Wanderers, the country's glamour team, have 17 from nine games. Bata Bullets, Silver Strikers and Red Lions are also within reach of the top position.

AFRICA NOTEBOOK

from Mark Gleeson

MOROCCO: Next year's Moroccan First Division will be split into two groups in an attempt to reduce the number of clubs from 24 to 16.

The 1987/88 season will see the existing 24 clubs play in two groups of 12 each, which will be drawn by lots by the Royal Moroccan Football Federation. After playing 20 games, the top three clubs of each group will play a 10-game championship, while the bottom four in each group will automatically be relegated.

For the 1987/88 season, 18 clubs will contest the First Division, with the 16 surviving clubs and two promoted teams.

Finally, at the end of that season, the four teams at the bottom will play each other and the two losers will be relegated to leave an elite of 16 clubs.

SOMALIA: The draw for the 1986 East and Central African Challenge Cup, to be played in Mogadishu in November, has been made.

In Group A, Sudan, Zanzibar, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Zambia and the hosts will compete, with Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and Uganda taking part in Group B.

Somalia's national youth team have taken a single goal lead over Zimbabwe in a qualifying match for the African Youth championship. Striker Kamal scored a first half goal in Mogadishu to give the hosts an advantage to take south for the second leg.

SOUTH AFRICA: Kaizer Chiefs won the country's richest knock-out tournament, the JPS Knockout Soweto rivals Moroka Swallows Limited.

Chiefs won the first leg in Durban 2-1, with former Swazi international captain Absolom Thindwa scoring a last-gasp winner, and held out to a goalless draw in front of 100,000 people at Johannesburg's Ellis Park to take the trophy. In the First Division, Rangers of Johannesburg still have a handsome lead, but a recent spate of draws has seen Mamelodi Sundowns, AmaZulu, Arcadia and Bush Bucks all within striking distance.

And the country's premier Mainstay Cup has kicked off, with Orlando Pirates and Durban City the only First Division casualties after the First Round.

SWAZILAND: Soccer violence continues in this tiny African kingdom with a man stabbed and many other injured during a cup match between Mbabane United Artisans and Hlambanyati Rovers at the national Somhlolo Stadium.

The fighting started when angry Rovers fans attacked their rivals after their team's star striker Coaster Dlamini had mysteriously disappeared hours before the crucial game.

The Brian Glanville column

Soccer violence is still with us

BLADDER and Heavylunge. Heavylunge and Bladder. Heavylunge for Havelange was the inspired coinage of Alan Robinson, a Boltonian who wrote an ebullient column called Boots for the Mexico Daily News during the World Cup.

Bladder for Blatter was the pronunciation at a Press Conference by one of those ponderous American journalists who cannot pronounce a double "t". I like it, though, Bladder and Heavylunge. It has a certain euphony about it.

In the *FIFA News*, Bladder is forever telling us what a great guy Heavylunge is, and how lucky we were he came along just when football needed commercialising. Heavylunge doesn't really need to be told what a great guy he is; he already knows. He has promised us that the light of his countenance will be shed upon us for many a year to come, despite his advanced age.

FIFA News scooped everybody recently with the revelation that Heavylunge and his loyal colleague, Harry Cavan of Northern Ireland, whom God preserve, had celebrated their 70th birthday within 11 days of one another. One's eyes shot on to the next paragraph, hoping it would say that they had both decided to retire, but no such luck. Like the poor, they seem always to be with us.

In August, Heavylunge came to Birmingham, in connection with their deeply fatuous and irrelevant bid for the next Olympics. Apart from the fact that voluntarily acquiring an Olympiad is rather like volunteering for a peculiarly unpleasant disease, can anyone imagine the sybarites of the International Olympic Committee voting for Birmingham? My God, just look at it! (Yes, I know, it used once to be an impressive city; 'till the planners got at it.)

Heavylunge had a look at the three main Birmingham football grounds, dropped one of his pearls of wisdom, then was up, up and away. The pearl? A mere day before the riot on the ferryboat from Harwich to Holland, the great man told us where we were going wrong. What we needed to put an end to violence was all-seater stadiums. They must have been particularly interested to hear that in the Midlands, where Coventry City tried it, only for away fans to tear up the seats in the manner pioneered by Leeds louts in Paris, and used them as weapons. Ditto in Leicester City.

Really has his finger on football's pulse, does old Heavylunge. No, I won't go on again about the way he knocked our professional foul rule on the head. And he *has* done such a lot for Under 16 football.

The late Sir Stanley Rous, who *did* do a lot for football, may not have done quite as much as we once believed; and he himself told us. "One of his most enduring contributions to the game," said a recent circular letter from the Football Association, "was the invention of the diagonal system of refereeing, which allowed for every aspect of play to be observed by at least one match official at any one time and made for greater co-operation between Referee and Linesmen.

An August letter in *The Guardian*'s correspondence columns, better known usually for the vapourings of the Extreme Left and the wingeing of militant feminists, took issue with the claim. A Mr. Chris Ashley claimed the credit for a referee called Major George Hamilton-Jones; according to Ashley, Rous in fact apologised to Hamilton-Jones for being given the credit.

He certainly claimed it in later, post-war years; claimed it to me in conversation, claimed it in his disappointing autobiography *Football Worlds*, in which he actually said he was afraid it might cost him the secretaryship of the F.A. in 1934 because one member of the selection committee had been strongly opposed to the system.

It would be interesting to see any evidence on the subject. Ashley's case is hardly helped by a whopping, potentially libellous, error in his letter. He claimed that Hamilton-Jones had once sent off the saintly Billy Wright "because he looked as if he was going to lose his temper."

That seemed a most unlikely story to me for all sorts of reasons. In the first place, how could the careers of Wright, a post-war player, and Hamilton-Jones, a pre-war referee, who must have been officiating as early as 1934, have overlapped? Secondly, I could not remember Billy, the white hen who never laid a stray, ever being sent off in his career. A colleague on the *Sunday Times* duly spoke to Billy, who confirmed as much. But I'd be most interested to know more, if there is any more, about Hamilton-Jones and the diagonal.

As for the ferryboat violence, and the violence that followed, it simply confirmed all one's pessimism about our future in Europe and the hopeless intractability of our violent lumpenproletariat. I took with a massive pinch of salt all the statistics about better behaviour. Not for a moment do I doubt the police figures that arrests inside stadia went down by 60 per cent.

Maybe they were, but reports from the frontline last season suggested to me that violence in and around the stadiums was just as bad; as you would expect. Violence in the stadiums diminished because the police hit it so hard with closed circuit television, greater alertness and perhaps a larger presence.

But from all over the country came horrifying tales of what was going on before and after games. Such as at Liverpool versus Manchester United, another of those horrifying Sunday affairs, as I recall, in which Liverpool turned into a place of seething hatred for United, the club, and their admittedly far from blameless fans (the villains again after the horrors of the Harwich ferry and of the appalling subsequent mayhem in Amsterdam.)

That was the day, you may remember, when Manchester United's players, on their arrival, were squirted with some kind of ammonia preparation by fans at Anfield. My respect for John Smith, Liverpool's Chairman, was not materially increased when (shades of his words after Heysel) he doubted whether the perpetrators had indeed been Liverpool fans. Everton fans, perhaps, acting as agents provocateurs, as sometimes the Extreme Right in Italy will commit

BOBBY ROBSON and his England back-up officials . . . but who should be able to support them in Europe?

atrocities to implicate the Far Left?

Meanwhile other atrocities would occur. United fans sitting in their coaches after the match were bombarded with missiles; a huge lump of concrete struck one painfully in the back. When the fans got into the train coaches at Edge Hill Station, bricks were thrown through the windows.

At Coventry — yes, Coventry hardly well known as the scene of barbarism — a group of five United fans, peaceably leaving the stadium after a match against City, were assaulted by twenty Coventry fans in a side road, and left bleeding in the street. My informant, who travels the whole country watching games and is inured to hooliganism, told me it was one of the most vicious scenes he had ever witnessed.

WITH ONE bound, Italo Allodi was free. Well, of course he was. A few tears in court, a few slings and arrows to endure from the Italian FA prosecutor, a sharp-tongued Roman magistrate, but clearly no real case to answer, in Milan, after lucky old Mr Fix It saw the court withdraw all evidence brought against him by Carbone, the Neapolitan operator whose tapped telephone calls had provided so much of the information which has brought condign punishment on the likes of Lazio, Udinese and Vicenza.

To refresh your memories, one of those telephone taps by coppers looking for a drug bust and finding football fixers instead, was of a conversation in which it was said that Udinese and Naples, Allodi's club, would draw their coming game; Allodi and Corsi, the Udinese general manager, would arrange that Maradona be provoked by Criscimanni and sent off. Drawn the game was, provoked and duly sent off Maradona was. Allodi, a hero of the Lobo-Solti case, a leading figure in the account of Hungary's referee Gyorgy Vadas of how he refused to be bribed to help Inter beat Real Madrid in a Euro semi final, swore his dove-like innocence and resigned his post with Naples, as counsellor to the president.

Things didn't look too good for our hero while Marabotto, a tough Turin magistrate who plays football himself, was conducting his (criminal) side of the betting scandals case, and getting Carbone to sing. All that singing was duly passed to the FIGC (FA) inquiry; but then Carbone insisted it be released to him. The FIGC inquiry agreed without a struggle, fearing, they said, that were they to refuse, their whole procedure might later be invalidated. Marabotto expressed his surprise. Others perhaps were less surprised. Myself among them.

Allodi had an alibi. Accused of conspiring with Corsi to manipulate the Naples-Udinese game, he was alleged to have met him at the Hotel Royal, on the sea front, "about noon." But the editor of *Il Mattino*, the leading newspaper in Naples, swore that 11.40 saw Allodi at Soccavo, having left the hotel about 11.

Perhaps the prosecuting FIGC lawyer/magistrate, Labate, knew he was never going to get Allodi on this, or on his rather odd accusation that Allodi had frequented Salciccia, ex general manager of Udinese, now "incriminated" as a fellow manipulator of Carbone.

There was a lot of pungent rhetoric flying about. Labate quoted a third party, Legrenzi, another collaborator of Carbone, to the effect that Corsi and Allodi had, according to Carbone, fixed the Naples-Udinese game.

Labate also attacked Allodi for his alleged relations with Salciccia, thundering, "Signor Allodi, I haven't the proof of your complete 'extraneousness', the proof of your complete innocence." On that flimsy basis, he demanded a year's suspension of Allodi; who originally looked as if he might go down for a good five. No such luck; good or bad.

Allodi may have strode furiously from the court room in Milan during Labate's peroration, may have wept salty tears next day during his own lawyer's speech; he lives to earn again another day; back with Naples. I am sure you will all be as delighted as I am.

Prior to an appeal to CAF, the body of last resort in Italian football, others were by no means so fortunate. Lazio were slung down to the third division, which, since the club was hanging by an economic thread in the first place, put it in deep danger of vanishing altogether, and brought the angry Lazio fans out into the streets of Rome.

On appeal Lazio were allowed to stay in the second division but began the season with a penalty of minus nine points. The same generosity was applied in the case of Udinese. They began the first division campaign with minus nine points after having been originally sentenced to relegation to Serie B for the second time since the war.

The first was in far off 1955, just after I came back from living in Rome, and as one who had greatly admired their splendid displays, inspired by Sweden's Arne Selmosson, the Ray of Moonlight, I felt very sorry for them. Their offence had been committed in 1953-4. In those days, the Italian football authorities hadn't thought up that funny little dodge whereby you have to be prosecuted in a matter of months, or else you slip through the net under a statute of limitations (yes, that's right, the one which has enabled good old Senator Viola to remain the much respected president of Roma, after being found guilty of trying to buy a French referee).

Incidentally UEFA had praise from me they hardly deserved. They too, like the FIGC, decided Roma were not "objectively" responsible and on appeal have allowed them to take part in the UEFA Cup. I'm glad for Roma and their manager Eriksson's sake, but in law and logic it made no sense at all.

Tito Corsi was among nine officials of clubs who got five years' suspension, and may be banned for life. Renzo Ullivieri, ex manager of Cagliari, and previously of Udinese and Sampdoria, got three years and is effectively out of football, for fixing a match against Perugia. Empoli, the Tuscans, will be in Serie A for the first time. With Naples and Allodi.

SPOT ON PUN J

Asian Notebook compiled by Peter Burns

A HIGHER degree of accuracy from the penalty spot in India earned Punjab their second successive Santosh Trophy title at the expense of Bengal.

The Santosh Trophy is the national championship for state selections and military and railway representatives. It has been held annually since 1941 (with the exception of 1942, 1943, 1948 and 1982) and is usually hosted by a different state every year; providing they have adequate facilities.

The 1986 championship was held in Mandhya Pradesh and it was unanimously agreed by all that took part that the facilities at the Wright Town Stadium, the venue for the final, were not of a standard suitable for the Santosh Trophy.

The 16 team final tournament held few surprises in the initial stages with the country's four major powers, Punjab, Bengal, Goa and Kerala, all qualifying for the semi-finals.

Kashmira Singh provided the only goal of the match to edge Punjab into the final ahead of Goa, and diminutive winger Subir Sarkar scored twice to give Bengal a 2-0 victory over Kerala in the other semi-final.

In the final, the much favoured Bengalis seemed to be thinking more about the forthcoming Calcutta transfer free-for-all than playing football. Their less skilled, but more motivated opponents, however, could not take charge and the match remained scoreless after 120 minutes of play.

In the ensuing penalty decider (the first in Santosh Trophy history), Bengal could convert only one of their first four attempts while Joginder, Deepak Kumar, Dhanwant and Walia all scored to give Punjab the trophy.

If the giants of Indian football were somewhat of a disappointment, it was two of the country's more modest representatives Gujarat and Sikkim that proved to be the minor revelations of the tournament.

Gujarat rallied from a 0-8 thrashing at the hands of Punjab to beat the hosts 3-1, and Sikkim ended the title aspirations of the fancied Railways selection with a gritty 2-0 victory.

GROUP 1

Karnataka-Gujarat 3-1; Punjab-Madhya Pradesh 3-1; Punjab-Gujarat 8-0; Karnataka-Madhya Pradesh 3-1; Gujarat-Madhya Pradesh 3-1; Punjab-Karnataka 1-0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Punjab	3	3	0	0	12	1	6
Karnataka	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Gujarat	3	1	0	2	4	12	2
Madhya Pradesh	3	0	1	2	3	7	1

GROUP 2

Bengal-Tamil Nadu 2-0; Services-Meghalaya 1-0; Tamil Nadu-Services 1-0; Bengal-Meghalaya 4-0; Tamil Nadu-Meghalaya 4-1; Bengal-Services 1-0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bengal	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Tamil Nadu	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Services	3	1	0	2	1	2	2
Meghalaya	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

GROUP 3

Maharashtra-Assam 4-1; Goa-Bihar 2-1; Maharashtra-Bihar 2-0; Goa-Assam 1-0; Bihar-Assam 1-1; Maharashtra-Goa 0-0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maharashtra	3	2	1	0	6	1	5
Goa	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Bihar	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Assam	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Play-Off: Goa-Maharashtra 4-2.

GROUP 4

Kerala-Sikkim 4-0; Andhra Pradesh-Railways 2-0; Andhra Pradesh-Sikkim 0-0; Railways-Kerala 1-0; Sikkim-Railways 2-0; Kerala-Andhra Pradesh 2-0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kerala	3	2	0	1	6	1	4
Andhra Pradesh	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Sikkim	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
Railways	3	1	0	2	1	4	2

SEMI-FINALS

Punjab-Goa 1-0; Bengal-Kerala 2-0.

FINAL

Punjab-Bengal 0-0 AET (Punjab won 4-1 on penalties).

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1941: Bengal. **1942:** no competition. **1943:** no competition. **1944:** Delhi. **1945:** Bengal. **1946:** Mysore. **1947:** Bengal. **1948:** no competition. **1949:** Bengal. **1950:** Bengal. **1951:** Bengal. **1952:** Mysore. **1953:** Bengal. **1954:** Bombay. **1955:** Bengal. **1956:** Hyderabad. **1957:** Hyderabad. **1958:** Bengal. **1959:** Bengal. **1960:** Services. **1961:** Railways. **1962:** Bengal. **1963:** Maharashtra. **1964:** Railways. **1965:** Andhra Pradesh. **1966:** Railways. **1967:** Mysore. **1968:** Mysore. **1969:** Bengal. **1970:** Punjab. **1971:** Bengal. **1972:** Bengal. **1973:** Kerala. **1974:** Punjab. **1975:** Bengal. **1976:** Bengal. **1977:** Bengal. **1978:** Bengal. **1979:** Bengal. **1980:** Punjab. **1981:** Bengal. **1982:** no competition. **1983:** Bengal and Goa (joint winners). **1984:** Goa. **1985:** Punjab.

AUSTRALIA: In the most important National League championship for some years, Footscray JUST lead the Southern Division table by two points and Sydney Croatia seem to have the Northern Division championship in their keeping.

Important, because at the end of the 1986 season the National League will revert to a 14 team, one division, format and ten of the present National League clubs will find themselves back in regional football.

The ten clubs to be relegated will be worked out according to a complex formula that takes into account previous performances and crowd support as well as performances during the 1986 season.

At this stage, without taking attendance figures into account, the clubs that appear likely to get the chop are: Adelaide Hellas, Newcastle Rosebuds, Brisbane Lions, Blacktown City, Wollongong City, Canberra Olympians, Inter Monaro, Brisbane City, Green Gully and Canterbury-Marickville Olympic.

Although it has been decided that the team that finishes on top of each division in 1986 will be named the divisional champions, the top five clubs in each will play-off to decide the two contenders for the National League championship final.

With just two matches remaining, the composition of the two play-off groups is still uncertain; only the two league leaders have made sure of a finals berth.

In the Southern Division, Footscray JUST, have been the revelation of the season. Having finished in the bottom half of the table in every season since the National League began, the Yugoslav-sponsored club engaged former Red Star Belgrade great Drago Sekularac as coach.

Despite an early season 1-7 hammering at the hands of Adelaide Juventus, the move has been an overwhelming success and Footscray, last in 1985, now lead the table, two points ahead of reigning champions Brunswick Juventus.

Sydney Olympic went unbeaten during their first fifteen Northern Division matches, but lost four and drew one of their next five to slump from first to fourth in the table. Sydney Croatia have taken over as leaders and, with a four point break on Sydney City, appear to have wrapped up the divisional championship.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	20	12	4	4	37	16	28
Sydney City	20	8	8	4	36	23	24
Marconi	20	8	7	5	32	21	23
Sydney Olympic	20	7	9	4	30	22	23
St. George	20	9	5	6	29	28	23
Newcastle Rosebuds	20	8	6	6	34	31	22
APIA Leichhardt	20	7	6	7	20	23	20
Blacktown City	20	8	4	8	24	33	20
Wollongong City	20	7	5	8	23	25	19
Canberra Olympians	20	5	6	9	21	23	16
Inter Monaro	20	3	5	12	16	39	11
Canterbury	20	2	7	11	17	35	11

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray JUST	20	10	7	3	27	22	27
Brunswick Juventus	20	10	5	5	34	21	25
Heidelberg United	20	8	8	4	33	22	24
Adelaide Juventus	20	9	6	5	30	19	24
Sunshine George Cross	20	7	10	3	22	15	24
South Melbourne Hellas	20	9	5	6	25	17	23
Preston Makedonia	20	6	9	5	22	19	21
Brisbane Lions	20	7	4	9	25	25	18
Adelaide Hellas	20	7	3	10	22	28	17
Melbourne Croatia	20	5	5	10	20	30	15
Brisbane City	20	3	6	11	18	42	12
Green Gully	20	2	6	12	15	33	10

THAILAND: Following their 3-1 defeat of reigning champions Port Authority, Thamrongthai FC emerged as the dark horses in the 1986 First Division championship.

The win saw Thamrongthai move above the champions to be top of the Group One table on goal difference from Rajpracha; 2-0 winners over fourth placed O-Sot-Sapha. Although the bottom three places in the group are occupied by the Army, Airforce and Navy clubs, they have played less matches than

SOUTH KOREA's Kim Joo-Sung (right) beats Argentina's Oscar Ruggeri in Mexico.

the others and are by no means out of contention.

Krungthai Bank lead the Group Two table with three straight wins; two points ahead of last year's runners-up Bangkok Bank. Two goals from Somporn Lekkham earned Tavorn Farm a 2-0 victory over Thai Pradit and third place on the ladder, while Nawamarachanusorn's 1-3 loss to Police FC means that they now have no hope of qualification for the second round. Boonpleuk Nunoi (two) and Pulsak Wisetkaew were the scorers for the Police and Damri Narkrisuk notched Nawama's consolation goal from the penalty spot.

DIVISION ONE

GROUP ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thamrongthai	4	2	1	1	8	5	5
Rajpracha FC	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Port Authority	4	1	2	1	10	5	4
O-Sot-Sapha	4	1	1	2	4	11	3
Royal Thai Army	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Royal Thai Airforce	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Royal Thai Navy	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

GROUP TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Krungthai Bank	3	3	0	0	10	3	6
Bangkok Bank	3	1	2	0	7	3	4
Tavorn Farm	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Police FC	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Thai Namthip	3	1	0	2	4	9	2
Thai Pradit	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Nawamarachanusorn	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

NEW ZEALAND: After sixteen games, Mount Wellington lead the Rothmans National League table on goal difference from the season's surprise team Miramar Rangers.

Mount Wellington had enjoyed a two point break after round 15, but lost 2-3 away to fourth-placed Gisborne City to allow Miramar, 3-1 away winners over Dunedin City, to close the gap.

Christchurch United kept in touch with the leaders with a 1-0 win away to bottom club Nelson United and reigning champions Wellington Diamond United remained the only other club with any realistic title hopes with a 1-0 victory over newly-promoted Palmerston United

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mount Wellington	16	9	5	2	31	14	32
Miramar Rangers	16	9	5	2	35	21	32
Christchurch United	16	9	3	4	30	18	30
Gisborne City	16	8	4	4	32	25	28
Wellington Diamond Utd	16	7	5	4	30	20	26
Dunedin City	16	6	2	8	33	30	20
University	16	4	6	6	22	29	18
North Shore United	16	4	5	7	27	41	17
Papatoetoe	16	3	7	6	22	27	16
Palmerston United	16	4	4	8	23	35	16
Manurewa	16	4	3	9	20	30	15
Nelson United	16	2	5	9	19	34	11

SOUTH KOREA: Daewoo Royals, the 1985 Asian club champions, are having second thoughts about signing Bayer Leverkusen and Korea national team striker Cha Bum-keun.

The club originally offered the 33-year-old forward a $300,000 signing-on fee plus a $70,000 annual salary. However, it seems that Cha also wants the South Korean club to help finance the founding and operation of a soccer school he plans to open upon his return to Korea, and guarantee him a director-level salary for five years after his retirement!

"He is demanding too much. We are not sure if he is worth that much," stated a Daewoo official. The club will not make a final decision until its chairman Kim Woo-choong returns home from a business trip.

Cha has been playing in the West German Bundesliga since June 1979 and has notched 85 goals in 211 games with Eintracht Frankfurt and Bayer Leverkusen. He currently earns £140,000 per year plus bonuses.

VIETNAM: Ho Chi Minh City club Cang Saigon became the first Southern team to win the All-Vietnam A1 division championship when they defeated crack Hanoi club Cau Lac Bo TDTT Quan Doi 2-0 in the 1986 championship decider.

All previous titles; the national championship began in 1980, had been won by Northern teams. This had led to rumours of match fixing; a view widely held in the South.

The 1986 title held added satisfaction for Cang Saigon (Saigon dockworkers). In the four years following Vietnam's unification, the club had been pre-eminent in Ho Chi Minh City, but since the introduction of the A1 championship they have been overshadowed by Hai Quan (customs) and So Cong Nghiep (Department of Industry).

FIJI: A goal 20 seconds from the end of extra time by Praveen Singh gave Nadi a 1-0 victory over Labasa and a record fourth victory in the popular "Battle of the Giants" tournament.

An unlikely starter before the final, Singh became the darling of the 17,000 home crowd when he volleyed in Dan Lutumailagi's pass from 25 metres. Had regulars Manu Pokar and Anare Wakawaka not been injured, and Peter Dean and Savaneca Taga not been suspended, the 22-year-old Singh would not have played.

Nadi reached the final after a controversial penalty decision had given them a 1-0 win over Ba in the semi-finals, and Labasa had been equally fortunate in their semi-final against defending champions Lautoka; winning 4-1 on penalties after 120 minutes of play had failed to realise a score.

A Ravuame Madigi goal gave Ba a 1-0 win over Lautoka in the match to decide third place and Nadroga defeated Rewa 4-2 to capture fifth position.

ALL OFF

REFEREE Antonio Marquez sent off all 22 players in a brawl 19 minutes from the end of the America v Guadalajara Mexican first division match in Mexico City.

The brawl was started between World Cup players Fernando Quirarte of Guadalajara and Carlos Hermosillo of America and eventually cleared the substitutes benches as everybody joined in. One player needed four stitches in a head wound afterwards and another had to be taken to hospital after being knocked out.

America were winning by 1-0 in a game due to mark the end of a long career for referee Marquez. He was to have retired after the game. A presentation due to be made after he blew the final whistle was forgotten in the commotion.

This happened during the third round of the new Mexican championship which returned to its usual format (of all participants playing each other home and away, but divided into four groups of which the top two teams advance to the quarterfinals at the end of the season) after last season's provisional reorginisation to accommodate the World Cup finals.

But there are 21 teams instead of the usual 20 due to there having been no relegation last seaso while Cobras was promoted.

Popular

There are 47 foreign players in the Mexican first division this season — 12 Argentines, 11 Uruguayans, nine Chileans, seven each from Brazil and Paraguay and one from El Salvador. The Argentine contingent still includes America's popular goalkeeper, Hector Zelada who was in his country's World Cup squad but did not actually play.

One leading Uruguayan newcomer is World Cup player Jose Salazar with Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, but he has not yet quite fitted in with the team's tactics under Austrian coach, Helmut Senekowich. Meanwhile the Brazilian contingent still includes 39-year-old centre-forward Evanivaldo Castro "Cabinho" who has been leading championship scorer on eight occasions.

Over-all Mexican soccer — now also suffering from the financial crisis — did not import many leading foreign stars for this season, while a number of its own World Cup players left — Luis Flores and Javier Aguirre for Spain and Manuel Negrete for Portugal.

Champions Monterrey, who line up Javier "El Abuelo" Cruz — one of the few stay-at-home idols for Mexican fans and one of the few successes in the country's World Cup team this year — have virtually the same team which won the title last season.

Can River Plate win at last?

ARGENTINA'S River Plate, the biggest South American club never to have won the Libertadores Cup, reached the semi-final round easily and hope that this year — at their 11th attempt — they will finally land the trophy.

In the past River Plate — who lost two finals — have failed with better teams, but the opposition this time does not look at all formidable.

With the completion of the three remaining first round groups, the semi-final line-up pits River Plate against compatriots Argentinos Juniors, the current holders who are far from the force they were last year and would hardly have reached this stage if they had not received the usual bye, and Ecuador's Barcelona. The other semi-final group is composed of Bolivar (Bolivia), America (Colombia) and Olimpia (Paraguay), all champions of their countries, but none enjoying the lofty league position at home which they had last year.

In group one, River Plate, after dropping their only point in their opening match against compatriots Boca Juniors on the latter's field, won their remaining five games to win the group (by five points) before meeting Boca Juniors again in the last match and beating them 1-0. River Plate put up no outstanding performaces, but always improved enough, usually in the second half, to get the goals for victory through Alzamendi and Centurion (four each) — the group's top scorers — and their ever popular idol Alonso (3).

While experienced cup fighters Penarol (Uruguay) disappointed by finishing bottom of the group with only one point — their troubles are mentioned elsewhere in this issue — the other Uruguyan team, modest Wanderers, well-led by young midfielders Pablo Bengoechea, easily their most outstanding player, were in the hunt all the way until losing 3-2 at Boca Juniors in the last minute.

All may not be lovely in the garden at River Plate however. Their players were demanding 6,000 dollars a point in the semi-final round, which the club was not willing to pay.

Group four was won by Ecuador's champions, Barcelona, a point ahead of their vice-champions Deportivo Quito, while Brazilian representatives Bangu and Curitiba — two modest teams who caused a surprise when finishing in the top two positions of the Brazilian national championship last year — disappointed. Brazilian striker, De Lima, playing for Deportivo Quito, finished as group top scorer with seven goals after scoring all three in the 3-3 draw away to Bangu, but his team then lost 3-1 to Curitiba (away) and were pipped for top place.

While gates in Ecuador were good, the Brazilian teams received so little support at home that only 148 fans turned up to see Bangu v Deportivo Quito in Rio's giant Maracana stadium and 678 saw Curitiba beat the Ecuadorian team. The two Brazilian teams then did not play the final group match against each other — which had no bearing on top place — as it was just not worth even opening the stadium for it.

Group five was won by Olimpia who beat the only other group participant, Paraguay's Nacional, twice (3-1 and 2-1). Venezuelan teams were due to play in this group, but were banned because Venezuela's affiliation to FIFA had been suspended at the time of the draw.

Castro (left — partly hidden behind a team mate) scores for Argentinos Juniors against Independiente in the Argentine National A Division 1-1 draw. In the background is Independiente's midfielder, Claudio Marangoni

BIG TWO GO ON TOUR

Eric Weil reports from South America

URUGUAY: The first division began without the participation of big clubs Peñarol and Nacional — see last month's World Soccer — who insisted the championship should be suspended until solutions were found to the clubs' financial problems.

First division clubs are in debt for a combined total of four million dollars of which 2.5 millions corresponds to Peñarol and Nacional.

The two big clubs finally joined the first division which was however suspended after three rounds — with Central Español topping the table as the only club with full points — when Peñarol and Nacional were due to go on tours abroad. Nacional had only played one game, a draw, and Peñarol was in the middle of the table with a 1-1-1 record. Fewer and fewer people were watching soccer and without the two big clubs it was suicide to continue playing the first division.

In its place the other 11 clubs are playing a special tournament with new rules designed to make it more interesting. There are no draws as these are decided in penalty shootouts for which the winner gains two points. For winning a match in regulation time however a club gets three points and if it does so by a margin of at least two goals, another half bonus point. Bella Vista and Central Español are topping the two sections with their three games won. The best two clubs will qualify for the end of season final round to pick Uruguay's Libertadores Cup representatives.

Goalkeeper Fernando Alves and defender Eduardo Pereira are the only ones of the "old crowd" left at Peñarol which has already had to sell a third of the players they started the season with due to financial problems. Alves says that they have changed virtually the whole line-up three times in the last two seasons.

Coach Roque Maspoli — Uruguay's goalkeeper when they won the World Cup in 1950 — is bringing more and more youngsters between the ages of 17 and 19 into the team and they beat Bella Vista 2-0 in the last match, their only win, before the suspension of the first division championship. Among them are defender Jorge Goncalvez and half back Gustavo Matosas, sons of former Peñarol players during the club's golden era. Another real find is striker Jorge Vidal, the only success in the team which finished bottom of its Libertadores Cup group.

Exodus

Uruguay's star at present however is another 19-year-old, Pablo Bengoechea of Wanderers who is bound to move abroad soon in the wake of other leading Uruguayan players as the exodus continues.

And more trouble faced Peñarol when their players decided to stop training because they had not been paid for three months. Peñarol officials were awaiting the first transfer instalment from Valencia for Bossio to be able to pay some salaries and meanwhile they were forced to cancel the first two matches of their tour.

BRAZIL: Flamengo won the Guanabara State (Rio de Janeiro) title for the 22nd time in a final series with Vasco da Gama.

Vasco had won the first round of the tournament and Flamengo the second. The title was this time going to be decided in a series of games between the two with the first club to total four points becoming champion.

Flamengo received a bonus point for having obtained most points in the two rounds so that a series of draws would have given them the title.

Vasco da Gama, who lost 3-2 to Flamengo after a disputed penalty in the last game of the second round to give the latter first place, appeared slight favourites as they seemed to have the more experienced players, including tournament top scorers Roberto (20 goals) and Romario (19), while Flamengo were without four top players for some time — including injured Zico and Socrates, the latter out for 40 days following a slipped disc operation.

Vasco and Flamengo drew 0-0 twice within four days with both teams playing defensively in front of crowds of 90,000 which had little to cheer about. This left Flamengo leading by three points to two and they won the third game 2-0 in front of 128,000 spectators (again at the Maracana stadium) with Bebeto and Julio Cesar scoring the goals in the last 15 minutes, but the general opinion was that they deserved to win.

Internacional de Limeira won the second stage of Brazil's other important state championship in Sao Paulo to qualify for the semifinals with first stage winners Santos (who were bottom in the second round) and Palmeiras and Corinthians who had obtained most points in both stages. Santos changed their coach for the semifinals, Formiga (a former Santos player doing his third coaching stint with the club) taking over from Julio Espinosa.

Meanwhile the Brazilian FA announced that the national championship would start on August 30 with the participation of 68 clubs, but that there would be only 24 the following year.

The teams were to be selected according to points obtained in their state championships and a ranking of the FA. The 44 top clubs would play in one section (of several groups) from which 28 reach the second stage, while 24 minor clubs in another section would qualify four. The criticism continues that such a large number of clubs lowers the standard of the tournament.

Nautico's matches in next season's Pernambuco state league will not be included on soccer pools coupons and consequently the club will derive no financial benefit as a result of having lost a match on purpose by 2-0.

Nautico lined up reserves with only two first team players and the reserves did try to win which forced the two first teamers to give their rivals a hand, one shooting a penalty wide and the other scoring an "own goal".

It so happened that Nautico had to lose this game to give themselves a chance. A win would have given the first stage winners top place in the second stage also and made them automatic champions. Now the third stage of the championship is being played and the three stage winners will then play for the title. . . . A strange situation.

ARGENTINA: The new national championship set-up in Argentina has, so far, not been a success spectator-wise.

A national A division of 20 clubs and a B division of 22 was expected to raise more interest by bringing in clubs from all over the country, but so far this has not been the case.

One reason is World Cup year when attendances are always down . . . even in the country which won the trophy. Other reasons are the poor over-all standard of play, the scarcity of goals — an average of only 1.8 per game — and the succession of draws — 32 in 58 games so far — caused mostly by the almost complete absence of attacking soccer.

Independiente — with veteran midfielder Bochini still showing his creative genius — and Estudiantes de La Plata (to whom midfielder Alex Sabella has returned from Brazilian club, Gremio) — are joint leaders with eight points from six games. Independiente are leading scorers with 12 goals, while Estudiantes are still unbeaten together with Talleres Córdoba, FC Oeste and Instituto Córdoba.

Even penalties have been scarce — only nine in 58 games of which seven were converted.

Norberto Alonso, the former international midfielder who is now 32, celebrated the 15th anniversary of his debut in the Argentine first division with River Plate, still as much of an idol with the club's fans as he has been all along.

He left the club twice for brief spells due to internal problems (playing in France and with Argentina's Velez Sarsfield), but was brought back due to pressure by the fans, his name carrying such magic for them that the club's current president won his election to the post largely on his promise to bring the player back.

Although Alonso was during his stay with the club displaced several times, he always returned to the first team and has now had a new lease of life due to the club selling their Uruguayan international midfielder, Enzo Francescoli, earlier this year.

Ubaldo Fillol, Argentina's former international goalkeeper, has returned home from Spain, where he played for Atletico Madrid last season, and does not want to return to Europe although he is currently unable to play for an Argentine club.

On his return he said ruefully: "I went for a two-week holiday in Marbella and when I returned I discovered that Atletico Madrid were not going to renew my contract and that it was too late to move to an alternative club, because the transfer register for this season had already been completed.

COLOMBIA: Bogota's Millionarios are still unbeaten after 11 games of the second stage of the Colombian professional league and look like winners as they lead champions America de Cali by three points with only three games to go.

CHILE: Provincial clubs fill the top four places in the Chilean first division, while popular Santiago teams Colo Colo, Universidad de Chile and Universidad Catolica are among several to share fifth

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Gasparoni (1), goalkeeper of newly-promoted Deportivo Italiano, flies through the air to try and divert a header from Boca Juniors' Irazoqui in the Argentine National A Division match which Boca won 1-0.

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place two points from the top.

Modest Deportes Concepción leads by one point followed by two financially powerful teams from mining towns, Cobresal and Cobreloa, and Huachipato after eight games.

PARAGUAY: Libertad won the second of three stages of the Paraguayan first division with defending champions Olimpia taking second place.

Both clubs clinched their places in the final round with two and one bonus points respectively to join the top two of the first stage, Guarani (two pts) and Sol de America (1).

Reserves

Two more clubs qualify from the third stage which had just started at press-time with Olimpia and Colegiales sharing the lead on three points from two games. Olimpia had beaten Nacional 1-0 in their opening match with reserves while reserving their first teamers for the Libertadores Cup.

BOLIVIA: Newly-promoted Litoral beat last year's champions Bolivar 3-2 to virtually take away their chance of reaching this season's final stages of the tournament.

Bolivar have three games to play, but are five points behind group B leaders Oriente and three behind second-placed Litoral.

The curious part is that Bolivar decided on house cleaning at the start of the season and transferred seven of their players to Litoral without even pressing for the transfer fee for this "unwanted material". But these players really played their hearts out against their former team which, while qualifying for the semifinals of the Libertadores Cup, has been struggling in the league all season.

Section A is topped by four-point leaders Blooming ahead of Destroyer and The Strongest. Destroyer failed to turn up against Universitario and lost the points — the first time this has happened in the league — but later had them returned when their excuse of flight delays due to engine trouble was accepted.

THE INTER-AMERICAN CUP, between the Libertadores cup holders and CONCACAF champions, will not be played this year as financial arrangements could not be agreed on between Argentinos Juniors of Argentina and Defence Force of Trinidad-Tobago. Officials of the Argentine club said that the original agreement was for two games to be played, both in Trinidad-Tobago, with 30,000 dollars guaranteed for Argentinos Juniors. Then the Trinidad-Tobago club counter-offered 20,000 dollars for only one match and eventually lowered this to 8,000 dollars at which point Argentinos Juniors broke off negotiations.

Proposed

A WORLD CUP champions tournament has been proposed by Brazil to take place in that country in 1989 to celebrate the Brazilian FA's 75th anniversary. Argentina, Uruguay, West Germany, Italy, England and Brazil would be taking part and playing dates have already been tenatively scheduled from June 3 to 11.

A SOUTH American club champions tournament, for past winners of the Libertadores Cup is also being envisaged by newly-elected South American Football Confederation president, Nicolas Leoz of Paraguay. The 12 clubs eligible are Argentinos Juniors (current holders), Boca Juniors, Estudiantes de La Plata, Independiente and Racing of Argentina, Cruzeiro, Flamengo, Gremio and Santos of Brazil, Nacional and Peñarol of Uruguay and Olimpia (Paraguay).

THE Panamerican Games 1987 qualifying tournament will be held in Santiago (Chile) from November 22 to December 7 with players having participated in World Cup matches not being able to take part.

THE South American Junior Championship for 1987, qualifying the top two for the World Youth Cup that same year in Chile, will be held in Colombia from January 18 to February 10.

THE pre-Olympic tournament qualifier for South America has been scheduled to take place in Bolivia from April 19 to May 4.

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Certainly football books do not generally have that phoney 'literature' label which cricket books possess. But the market is, in fact, an expanding one. How else can one explain the ever-increasing number of football publications on the shelves in the book shops?

What has changed is that publishers — and authors — have identified their markets to better effect. In no sphere is this better illustrated than in the present vogue for 'club' books.

There is obviously a guaranteed market — of variable size — for books about a specific club. The first step into these waters came in the 1970s with club annuals, such as Manchester United, Rangers and Celtic. Then along came the 'official' club histories and now it is the statistical volumes which dominate the market.

Three such books in this club category deal with Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United.

The book **Arsenal 1886-1986** is the club-approved centenary history (edited by Phil Soar and Martin Tyler; Hamlyn, Bridge House, 69 London Road, Twickenham, Middx TW1 3SB; £12.95). For the price this is excellent value, considering the cost of books generally nowadays. It is a well-researched 'written' history but includes a chapter of season-by-season statistics to keep the facts-and-figures fans happy as well.

On a more down-to-earth level is **Manchester United: A Complete Record** (Ian Morrison and Alan Shury; Breedon Books, 44 Friary Gate, Derby DE1 1DA; £13.95). Nothing like so much text here, but much more in terms of statistics. There's a Rothmans-style breakdown on each season in United's league history, plus detailed career biographies of the club's major personalities, list of the club's international players, etc.

Following exactly the same pattern (from the same publishers and at the same price) is **Liverpool: A Complete Record,** by Brian Pead. Again the core of the book are the Rothmans-type statistics, season by season.

Fans of all three clubs would doubtless consider the money well spent. Obviously the books become dated almost immediately. That is the catch with football books . . . but it does give the author and publisher chances later on to update and revise the books and sell them all over again with a minimum of work and cost.

Nothing wrong with that. It's the principle of which football annuals have flourished. And the usual three are happily with us again — **Rothmans, Telegraph** and the **News of the World.**

Pride of place in this review is due to the **News of the World Annual** (edited by Bill Bateson and Albert Sewell; Invincible Press, 16 Golden Square, London W1; £1.95). The annual is, believe it or not, celebrating its 100th year and remains fresh and well turned-out thanks to the excellent work put in over the past couple of years by BBC TV statistician Albert Sewell. At the price it is unbeatable value and still a comfortable pocket size.

Rothmans Football Handbook (edited by Peter Dunk; Queen Anne Press, Gtr London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QX; £14.95 hardback or £9.95 soft covers) continues to be the domestic game's 'bible'. This year the international team line-up section for the four home countries has been redesigned. The publishers say it is easier to follow now. They might also have added that it makes more economical use of the space allowed to save a few pages for elsewhere!

There is a full statistical run-down on the World Cup finals and the qualifiers, plus results grids for the major European leagues last season.

Indeed, there is so much in **Rothmans** that few people realise what is in it beyond their own field of interest. **World Soccer** receives many queries which readers could easily resolve themselves by reference to **Rothmans.**

Rothmans is a handbook built on a never-changing historical/statistical foundation. Such is not the case with the **Telegraph Football Yearbook** (edited by Jack Rollin and Norman Barrett; Telegraph Publications, 135 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4BL; £7.95). This is basically, a book newly-created each year to produce the facts and figures of last season. One feature of appeal to **World Soccer** readers is likely to be the World Cup section which includes reports by **Telegraph** sports reporters from all the matches in Mexico.

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SIR — Can any of your readers help me. I am trying to get autographs of all former Seattle Sounder players. I have been able to locate all but 12 of them. They are: Tommy Baldwin, Otey Cannon, Leroy DeLeon, John Impey, Hank Liotart, John McLaughlin, Les Parodi, Willie Penman, Alan Stephens, Tjeert Van't Land, Sergio Velazquez, Barry Watling. Any help in obtaining these autographs would be greatly appreciated — SCOTT JENSEN, 3102 SW Webster, Seattle, WA 98126, United States.

IN REPLY TO . . .

**Please note that queries can be answered in these columns only. So no stamped addressed envelopes and no long lists! We cannot guarantee replies, of course, from organisations, clubs or individuals whose addresses are published in reply to questions.*

CARL HORBURY, 22 Greenside Crescent, Waterloo, Huddersfield, W. Yorks: The Angolan national team played in yellow shirts, black shorts, and yellow and black socks. The national stadium is the Conqueiros, in Luanda, with a capacity of 14,000 (13,000 seated). Unfortunately we have no information on their line-up against Egypt in the African Nations' Cup qualifier.

D. N. GANCALVES, 227 Pasteur Boulevard, Vanderbijlpark, 1911 Transvaal, South Africa: For all information about the World Cup trophy contact FIFA, at FIFA-Haus, Hitziweg 11, 8030 Zurich, Switzerland.

PETER HIGGINS, Market Harborough, Leicestershire: UT Arad, who won the Rumanian league title in 1969 and 1970 and then knocked holders Feyenoord out of the 1970-71 Champions' Cup, were relegated in 1976. They are now in one of the regionalised sections of the Rumanian third division and are currently 16th out of 18 teams.

TONY VAINOLA, 1169 Market Street, apt 625, San Francisco 94103, United States: Soccer videos can be purchased from Home Movies, 72 Longbridge Road, Barking, Essex IG11 8SF, England. Also from the "Kickershop", Olympia-Verlag, Postfach, 8500 Nürnberg 1, West Germany. Write first for catalogue, prices, etc.

NICOLAS ABOU ARBID, Zahan Street, Beirut, Lebanon: The top scorer in the first-ever World Youth Cup finals, in Tunisia in 1977, was the Brazilian Quina (full name Aguinaldo Roberto Gallon) who scored four goals. The Asian Nations' Cup was first organised in 1956. Winners have been: 1956 S.Korea (in Hong Kong); 1960 S. Korea (in Seoul), 1964 Israel (in Tel Aviv); 1968 Iran (in Teheran); 1972 Iran (in Bangkok); 1976 Iran (in Teheran); 1980 Kuwait (in Kuwait); 1984 Saudi Arabia (in Singapore).

J. S. BUCHANAN, 252 Wakefield Road, Denby Dale, Nr Huddersfield, W. Yorks; Of the Spanish clubs you mention, Club Atletico Osasuna play in the El Sadar stadium, Hercules Club de Futbol in the Jose Rico Perez stadium in Alicante, and the Cadiz Club de Futbol in the Ramon de Carranza stadium. There are three first division clubs in Barcelona: FC Barcelona play in Nou Camp, Español play at the Sarria stadium, and Sabadell at the Nova Creu Alta stadium. Re certain of the 1982 World Cup finals venues, the home teams in the stadia mentioned in your inquiry are La Coruna in La Coruña, Oviedo in Oviedo, Hercules in Alicante and Malaga in Malaga.

NEIL SANKEY, 41 Halegate Road, Halebank, Widnes, Cheshire: The Association of Football Statisticians produced a useful volume four years ago which featured all the qualifying results in all World Cup competitions. Presumably, since your inquiries there failed to achieve any success, it is now out of print/stock but may still appear in the classified advertisements section. Re the 1970 World Cup qualifiers, North Korea withdrew rather than take part in a first-section preliminary round which included Israel. In 1962 Colombia reached the finals in Chile by defeating Peru 1-0, 1-1 in a simple two-leg play-off "group".

GUY DELPINTO, 4 Glasgow Street, Derry City, Northern Ireland: The only serious attempts at sports language dictionaries have been published by the Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company, PO Box 211, 1000 AE Amsterdam, Holland.

DAVID J. KETTLE, 23 Morten Road, Colchester, Essex: The Italian league traditionally begins on the second weekend of September and is preceded by the first round of the Italian Cup. The address of the Napoli club is: Napoli Societa Sportiva Calcio spa, Piazza del Martiri 30, 80121 Napoli (Naples), Italy.

BARRY SHERLOCK, 9 Northbrooks, Harlow, Essex: For literature etc regarding the great Dutch era of the 1970s contact De Bruijn's Bureaux, Jozef Israelsplein 5, 2596 AS 's-Gravenhage, Holland. For information regarding any Ajax match videos contact Home Movies, 72 Longbridge Road, Barking, Essex.

MARION DAVIS, 101 Pentland Terrace, Penicuik, Midlothian, Scotland: To write to Socrates, do so c/o Clube de Regatas do Flamengo, Praca Nossa Senhora Auxiliadora, Gavea, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

L. WOODLEY, 26 Harvey Road, Chells, Stevenage, Herts: Poland's two goals against England in the World Cup qualifier in Chorzow in 1973 were scored by Banas and Lubanski.

J. MUSCAT, 19 Mallinson Court, Airport West, 3042 Melbourne, Australia: The Argentine-born inside left Omar Sivori played 18 times for Argentina and then nine times for Italy after his transfer from River Plate to Juventus in 1957

JOE FUMO, 1700 E.Lake Bluff Blvd, Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211, United States: In the Classified Results section of World Soccer, "HT" refers to the score at half-time. Regarding qualification for the three European club competitions, the rules are like this: the champion club of each country in Europe qualifies for the following season's European Champions' Cup; the cup-winning club from each country in Europe qualifies for the Cup-winners's Cup, except when the cup-winners also won the league: then the domestic cup runners-up take part in the Cup-winners' Cup while the winners take up their place in the senior competition. The UEFA Cup teams are those best-placed clubs in the league but who did not win the championship or the cup. A special grading by UEFA defines how many entries each country may have in the UEFA Cup.

ADRIAN FENWICK, 106 Delamere Drive, off Forest Road, Sandringham Estate, Mansfield, Notts NG18 4DD: There has never been any book produced with everyone's international match results since the inauguration of each federation. The best record for Europe is the book **European International Football,** edited by Gordon Jeffrey, which was published in 1963 and still pops up occasionally in the second-hand market.

JENS PETERSEN, Andaksvej 19, Kalungborg, Denmark: The season-by-season results in the Copa Libertadores were fully listed in **World Soccer** in the cup history series published between May 1983 and November 1984.

J. W. STEVENSON, 31 Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Nottingham: The first penalty in World Cup history was scored by "Chaquetas" Rosas of Argentina after 44 minutes of the first half of the 1930 tie between Argentina and Mexico. Argentina went on to win 6-3. In the famous 1938 first-round match in which Brazil beat Poland 6-5 in extra time, Leonidas of Brazil reached four goals ahead of Poland's Ernst Willimowski. In the 1982 World Cup referees for the following matches were as follows: Castro of Chile for Yugoslavia v Honduras; White of England for Belgium v Hungary; Rainea (Rumania) for Scotland v Soviet Union; and Barranco of Bolivia for Argentina v El Salvador.

B. SANDHU, 50 Baylis Road, Slough, Berks/ANNE ROWLAND, 18 Denholme Ave, Haworth Park, Hull/SUSAN DONN, 48 Dennyduff Road, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland/ELISE ALLMOND, 1 Admirals Way, Gamecock Brks, Bramcote, Nuneaton, Warwicks (and to many others): Write to Diego Maradona c/o Napoli Societa Sportiva Calcio spa, Piazza dei Martiri 30, 80121 Napoli (Naples), Italy. The address of the Argentine federation is: Association del Futbol Argentino, Viamonte 1366, 1053 Buenos Aires.

NEIL WRIGHT, 14 Roman Drive, Leeds: The Markov who played left-back against Italy in the World Cup Opening Match was Alexander Markov. The Van der Elst who appeared as Belgium substitute against Paraguay and the Soviet Union was Leo Van der Elst. The Morocco v Poland match details were of course featured in the August edition.

JASON JOFFE, 70 Cranborne Road, Cosham, Portsmouth, Hants: You've been reading the wrong magazines! San Marino are not yet members of FIFA and thus could not have taken part in the World Cup qualifiers. In fact, around 24 FIFA members did not enter the last World Cup for various reasons. Write for a full list of its 158 members to FIFA at FIFA-Haus, Hitziweg 11, 8030 Zurich, Switzerland.

DAVID MOORE, Station House, Blarney, co Cork, Ireland/I. S. BROOKS, 971 Alum Rock Rd, Wardend, Birmingham: Write to the Brazilian football confederation — Confederacao Brasileira de Futebol, Rua de Alfandega 70, PO Box 1078, Rio de Janeiro 20.070, Brazil.

PHILLIPPA ROLLIT, Cedarholme, 9 Somerset Road, Brentford, Middx: Sergio Batista plays for Argentinos Juniors not Newell's Old Boys, while Jose Luis Brown is now playng for the French club Brest. Olarticoechea has joined Burruchaga, also in France, at Nantes. The club addresses requested are as follows: Velez Sarsfield, Avenida Juan B, Justo 9200, 1408 Buenos Aires; Napoli SSC, Piazza dei Martiri 30, 80121 Napoli (Naples); Real Madrid C. de F, Calle Concha Espina 1, Madrid; CA River Plate, Avenida Figueroa, Alcorta 7597, 1428 Buenos Aires; CA Independiente, Mitre 470, 1870 Avellaneda, Provincia de Buenos Aires; Elche C. de F, Glorieta Jose Antonio, 3 AC. 03202, Spain; Football Club de Nantes, Centre Sportif de la Joneliere, 44240 La Chapelle sur Erdre, France; FC Brest-Armonique, 22 rue Michelet, 29200 Brest, France.

SANTO FARRANTO, 98 Abbey-Hey-Lane, nr Openshaw, Manchester: It is only a comparative modern ruling that World Cup finalist nations must name a squad of 22 players. Maybe FIFA would have records of squads going back to the 1930s, but even that is unlikely. Write to FIFA, FIFA-Haus, Hitziweg 11, 8030 Zurich, Switzerland.

ROBERT BARTHOLEMEW, 98 Holborough Rd, Snodland, Kent: We receive a lot of letters on this subject and there is no one central source for all the first-team squads of the various European countries. One-off football annuals are produced in many countries — such as Spain, Portugal, West Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland, Italy and Belgium. The only central source to obtain many of these is through the Scandinavian Programme Club, who advertise in the Shop Window feature when a new catalogue is available.

VEL RASCOVICH, via F. Testi 11, 35100 Padova, Italy: Addresses as follows: Olympique de Marseille, 3 bd Michelet, BP 124, 13267 Marseille cedex 08, France; Sporting Club de Toulon et du Var, Stade de Bon-Recontre, BP 4015, 83069 Toulon cedex, France; Sampdoria Union Calcio spa, Via XX Settembre 33/3. 16121 Genova (Genoa), Italy; R. Standard Liege CL, Stade de Sclesin, Rue de la Centrale 2, 4200 Sclessin/Ougree/Liege, Belgium.

BRYAN KYDD, 19 Camphill Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Scotland: The address requested is: Grasshopper Club, Hardturmstrasse 321, 8005 Zurich.

S. SCHWARTZ, 9 Park Vale Ave No 7, Boston, Mass 02134, United States: For information on obtaining a video copy of the 1966 World Cup film, Goal, write to Quadrant Video, 37a High Street, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3BB.

ROBERT BRITTON, 19 Deborah Way, Fanwood, New Jersey, United States: Fadil Vokrri plays for Partizan Belgrade.

ANTONELLO GALLO, Via de Lauzieres 5, 80046 San Giorgio a Cremano, Naples, Italy: For further information on the two Asian football handbooks reviewed here in the past contact: Paul Moon, Editor, Asia/Oceania Soccer Handbook, 13 Weaver Street, Oamaru, North Otago, New Zealand: and, regarding the JVC Asain Football Companion, contact Getaway Sports Promotions, PO Box 173, Owen Rd Post Office, Singapore 0821.

T. STAMP, 2 Lancarster Road, Christchurch, Dorset: Liechtenstein have entered the 1988 Olympic qualifiers. They were drawn in a preliminary round against Switzerland — and lost the first leg 10-0 at home. It seems unlikely that they will enter the senior European championship or World Cup in the near future. The federation joined FIFA in 1974 and has, in recent years, played only the following full internationals: 0-1 Switzerland and 2-0 v China in 1982; 0-6 v Austria in 1984.

THOMAS M. ROBERTS, 18 Tummel Green, East Mains 11, East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, Scotland: The magazine concerned no longer exists.

E. J. HOUGHTON, 21 Northdene Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hants: All results of all British clubs in all editions of the European competitions can be traced through back numbers of the usual football annuals such as the News of the World Annual (for the 1950s and early 1960s) and then in the Rothmans Football Handbook as well. All simple results for all British clubs in all European competitions are included in the current Rothmans. Full details of all British teams' matches in the Champions' Cup were included in The European Cup 1955-80, by Motson and Rowlinson, and published by Queen Anne Press.

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BOOK REVIEW

BRIAN GLANVILLE is the most prolific of British sports writers; prolific not only in football but through his other many and varied spheres of work. That he should also have time to read other people's material is remarkable. But not only is that the case, but he has edited the best of his reading into **The Joy of Football** (Hodder & Stoughton, 47 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP; price £12,95).

Readers with long memories — and packed bookshelves — will instantly recognise this as bringing up to date the **Footballer's Companion,** originally published in 1962.

In those 24 years probably more — and better — writing about the game has appeared than the collected work of the previous 60 years. What Glanville has done is to maintain the "golden oldies" and weave in the later material yet still maintain a seven-section pattern which preserves the organisation and sense of the publication.

From The Fascination of Football (including Paul Gardner, Roy Hattersley, John Arlott) throught to Football Fiction (Arnold Bennett, Harold Pinter and Glanville himself) there is plenty to please both the steady reader and the fan who wishes to dip into the game.

From the original **Footballer's Companion** I missed the Vittorio Pozzo pre-war World Cup memoirs. But in The Stars section it was welcome to find Bobby Charlton, Di Stefano, Pele, Best and — more topical — Bryan Robson, making their debuts, so to speak.

One last, major attraction of **The Joy of Football,** which is rarely found in the football book market: it will never date. Just as the **Footballer's Companion** survives alongside its younger brother, so **The Joy of Football** will still be worth dipping into in 2006, when the veteran Glanville decides it's time to edit another volume.

KEIR RADNEDGE

WORLD SOCCER, OCTOBER 1986

Helmut Ducadam of Steaua Bucharest

compiled by Robert Alexander

Champions Cup for Vienna

VIENNA'S historic Prater stadium, being formally reopened this month, is the venue for this season's Champion's Cup final.

The Prater has been out of commission for three years while costly rebuilding and redevelopment took place at the venue which hosted the 1964 final (between Internazionale and Real Madrid) and the 1970 Cup-winners' Cup decider between Manchester City and Gornik Zabrze.

Lumps of concrete and cladding had started falling off the upper tiers, so top marks to the Austrian authorities for taking action before a serious accident could take place.

It remains a mystery, however, as to why a 60,000-capacity stadium can be justified in a country in which league attendances average around the 4,000 mark . . . and that mainly thanks to the regular meetings of Viennese top dogs FK Austria and Rapid.

The Prater will be officially reopened on October 29 by a friendly between Austria and West Germany. But clearly the Austrian federation needs as many big crowd-pulling games as possible to try to defray the cost, estimated at £3 million. Thus intensive lobbying was carried out to bring the European Cup final after 22 years.

HELMUT DUCADAM will be absent when Steaua Bucharest begin the defence of the Champions' Cup later this month. He is still recovering from the summer shock when he nearly lost his right arm.

Ducadam, the man whose brilliance defied Barcelona in the penalty shoot-out in Seville last May, was on holiday at one of Rumania's Black Sea resorts this summer when he started to suffer pain in his arm.

His wife called a doctor who diagnosed thrombosis in the arm and Ducadam was flown back to Bucharest for an emergency operation. The surgeon who performed the operation told him later that if much more time had passed then amputation would have been necessary to save Ducadam's life.

Now he is slowly recovering his health and fitness and Steaua coach Emerich Jenei is reluctant to forecast when Ducadam will be back in action. As for Ducadam, he's just grateful to be alive and is understandably not prepared to take any training risks or short cuts which might put him in any further jeopardy.

IT ONLY takes a new wave of footballing exports to Spain (in this case Gary Lineker and Mark Hughes) for all manner of nonsense about Spanish football to start appearing in the British Press.

Such was the story that Terry Venables is in line for the job of manager of Spain whenever Miguel Munoz decides to call it a day.

Discount it. Do not, however, discount the possibility that the Venables fan club felt it would do no harm to remind the English Football Association that he is alive and well and still interested in the England job whenever it may be made available.

UNREMARKED, Plamen Nikolov completed his rehabilitation when he lined up at rightback for Bulgaria in the European championship tie against Scotland in Glasgow.

Nikolov was one of two national team stars suspended for life by the Bulgarian federation after the cup final punch-up between CSKA Sofia and Levsky Spartak last year.

The other, Borislav Mikhailov, was on the sidelines for only six months, of course, being recalled to action at the end of last year — well in time to rejoin the national team preparing for the World Cup finals.

Nikolov, Footballer of the Year at the time of the cup dust-up, has had to wait until this summer. But now he is clearly right back you might say, in favour.

AZEGLIO VICINI takes charge of the Italian under-21 team for the last time in the delayed European 1984-6 final against Spain this month. Then he steps up to run the senior national team. His No 2 will be Sergio Brighenti, Cesare Maldini will run the under-21s and Dino Zoff the Olympic qualifying team. No 2 to both Maldini and Zoff will be former Roma fullback Francesco Rocca.

DIEGO MARADONA — can you ever keep him out of the news? — has been forgiven for the handball "goal" with which he helped to beat England as Argentina progressed to World Cup victory in Mexico. England manager Bobby Robson, in his World Cup Diary entitled *So Near And Yet So Far*, said he was not prepared to endorse opinions which claimed Maradona was a cheat.

But, instead, the England manager has blamed FIFA for gross neglect of their duty in appointing an inexperienced Tunisian referee and Costa Rican linesmen to officiate at such an explosive match.

Robson said: "Maradona just made the most of the situation. I feel no bitterness towards the Argentine captain. Just anger towards FIFA for selecting a Tunisian referee and a Costa Rican linesman.

"Even a South American referee would have been preferable. FIFA should have put their most experienced man in charge of what was the spiciest match of the tournament. It would have been a good test for the final. It is fine to give officials from emerging nations experience in the opening phase when mistakes can be rectified, but not at the sudden death stage. The referee seemed to find the occasion too much for him.

"When Maradona's first goal came it was such an obvious handball that everyone else in the stadium seemed to realise it. I haven't seen such a blatant refereeing mistake for years."

Strong stuff. Strong views. And Robson went on: "I believe that illegal goal robbed England of maybe the biggest prize of all." An opinion not likely to be shared by many who followed England's progress in Monterrey — but a fair comment from the guts of a man who sportingly refused to go into the sour grapes routine too heavily at the time.

Interestingly, Maradona's handiwork did more than cost England a place in the semi-finals against Belgium . . . it also cost striker Gary Lineker another award in England.

Linkeker was provisionally chosen as the winner of the Telegraph Football Sportsman trophy awarded each year by the editors of the Telegraph Football Year Book (better than ever this year, incidentally, in spite of the end of the support from former league sponsors Canon).

But, as the editors themselves explained, he was not finally given the chance to add their trophy to those of the Football Writers Association and the Professional Footballers' Association which he had already won before going to Mexico.

"Before the World Cup, the editors had provisionally decided to award it to Gary Lineker for his honest and clean approach to the game. And he gave us no reason to change our minds with his performances in Mexico — never a complaint, despite some of the treatment meted out to him.

"But, commenting on Maradona's 'handiwork' when he scored Argentina's first goal against England, Lineker admitted that, as a striker, he would probably have done the same thing himself.

"Lineker should be praised for his honesty and we do not really blame him (or Maradona) because this is the way of professional footballers. After all, as far back as 1968, that fine sportsman Geoff Hurst scored one of his six goals against Sunderland with his hand.

"But whichever way you look at it, this is cheating, and at the risk of being accused of clinging to old-fashioned ideals, we feel that such attitudes must not be accepted and should be stamped out of the game. So, with great regret, we are withholding the Sportsman trophy this year."

So, there you have it: Maradona, excused his professionalism by the England manager, but charged as a cheat and instrumentally reducing Lineker's status by one of the bastions of old-fashioned sportsmanship.

WHY sign a player for more than £180,000 in the close season, line him up in pre-season friendlies and then, on the very eve of the season, decide he does not fit into your plans? An extraordinary scenario, yes. But, true. And the unhappy victim was Scottish striker David Dodds who moved from Dundee United to Neuchatel Xamax.

The Swiss club's French coach Gilbert Gress, who has guided his team to two UEFA Cup quarter-final appearances in recent years, said 27-year-old Dodds — one of the most respected strikers in Scotland during his 10 successful years with Dundee — did not fit in. "I have the highest respect for him as a player, but he does not figure in my plans at the moment," he said.

Makes you wonder why they spent the money in the first place, doesn't it? Poor Dodds signed a three-year contract too and must have expected something better, particularly as the club had looked after other foreign signings like Uli Stielike and Don Givens so well in previous years. Now he is going back to Scotland with Aberdeen.

PATIENCE can rarely have been so aptly rewarded as in the case of Liverpool's Gary Gillespie.

Having spent a long time 'adjusting' to the Anfield system after his transfer from Coventry and, presumably, hoping for an opportunity to step in when either the dependable Mark Lawrenson or elegant Alan Hansen was injured, he found himself picked for the Scotland squad recently as a replacement for, guess who . . . ? Yes, Hansen, who was extraordinarily left out of the Scots' World Cup squad only last May.

Thanks for his elevation to international status for the first time must be partly due to Kenny Dalglish who persevered with Gillespie when he took over as player-manager at Liverpool and who introduced him to the team as a regular member of the central defensive system.

He may also have had something of a say in his team-mate's call-up for Scotland since new manager Andy Roxburgh is said to be partial to advice from his senior players.

WORLD SOCCER DIARY

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THE LONGEST summer break in the history of West German football has brought additional financial problems to most clubs in the Bundesliga.

Stuttgart and Kaiserslautern bemoan the loss of £500,000 each; Hamburg £400,000, Werder Bremen £300,000, Bochum £230,000, Fortuna Düsseldorf £200,000 and the same at Waldhof Mannheim.

There were no receipts between April 26 and August 9 and such a three-month pause is being described by club officials as "near catastrophe".

Stuttgart's president Dr. Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder wants to have serious talks with the DFB, about this economic slump. The *Bundesliga* has been shaken to its financial foundations. Basic salaries have had to be paid in May, June and July to players, managers, coaches, trainers, ground and office staff. In addition, holiday pay, social security, accident premiums, expenses of administrative personnel and training camps. All this in face of only modest takings.

Eintracht Frankfurt's treasurer Wolfgang Knispel claims: "For the first time this season we had to draw on our credit account." Eintracht are among the few clubs who have such an emergency fund, although no one will admit that he doesn't have reserves of cash. Saarbrücken admit: "We are dependent on the money from transfers."

Bayern Munich are the notable exception, as general manager Uli Hoeness explains: "We have an annual budget which we are obliged to fulfil. Thus it is immaterial whether there is no income during the three summer months. Volkswagen for example are also selling fewer cars in December than in March, but they are not complaining in the winter."

Hoeness is right but the fact remains that many clubs are existing from day to day. Not many can afford to budget on £230,000 receipts from a pre-season friendly tournament like the I.FC Köln for instance.

Even Hamburg calculates with just £100,000, while Werder Bremen took from a world tour only £33,000. Mayer-Vorfelder complains: "In those three 'empty' months our debts accumulated to £500,000. Thank goodness we have pocketed £260,000 from reaching the cup final."

Borussia Dortmund's president Reinhard Rauball brings forth similar arguments: "The best thing that happened to us were the three play-off matches against relegation." From a purely sporting angle the club could have done without the psychological stress of fighting against the drop.

The answer to the problems could lay in the organisation of pre-season tournaments, like they do successfully in Spain for example. Here the Ruhr Cup was a flop, but the Casio Cup in Mönchengladbach proved a resounding success. The Japanese computer manufacturers, already domiciled in Hamburg since 1976, invited the "four musketeers" of German football, Bayern Munich, Werder Bremen, Hamburg and Borussia Mönchengladbach to a tournament which was sponsored by Casio and supported by live television from RTL.

"That's one way of plugging the hole in the summer," said a delighted Borussia manager Helmut Grasshoff, who is also banking on the increased sale of season tickets.

Of course, in this respect the German clubs cannot compete with those in Italy, or England, nonetheless, Stuttgart sold 5,500 "seasons". Bremen 4,300 and Nürnberg 4,000. The good showing of the national team in Mexico has led to increased gates in the opening league championship rounds. Bayer Uerdingen, Fortuna Düsseldorf, plus the two relegated clubs Saarbrücken and Hanover cashed in from the "International Football Cup" which is designed solely to help the pools companies and the punters through the summer break.

Hamburg are experimenting with a new scale of admission prices. They are in effect offering three different categories of charges depending on the drawing power of the visiting club. Thus, for league matches against Bayern Munich, or Werder Bremen the patrons have to pay more than for watching Fortuna Düsseldorf, or Waldhof Mannheim.

Television will bring the Bundesliga clubs more money than of late. But the proposed arrangements with the two state companies ARD and ZdF and the private channels SAT I and RTL Plus (Luxembourg TV in German language) fell through. The DFB wanted to offer every other week a so-called *Match of the Week* live to the station who offers the most. The fee would have been about £100,000 of which the home club would have collected 30 per cent and the rest was to have been divided between the remaining 17 clubs.

Instead, agreement was reached only with the two main companies who will pay all 38 professional clubs £5.3 million for the current season, rising to £6 million next year. The clubs would have got more from the private channels, but because of problems over dates and the fear of a serious slump in attendances there will only be live league matches broadcast in exceptional circumstances. European Cup football and full internationals will still be seen regularly live as before.

SWISS PLAY-O

THE SWISS started to the most unusual and probably toughest championship programme ever, but at the time it was not certain how it will end!

For the system of play-offs for the title and against relegation had not been confirmed because of objections from Lucerne (against play-offs in principle) and Young Boys (against the proposed penalty shoot outs).

It is certain that the First Division will be reduced from 16 to 12 clubs and that at least four First Division clubs, possibly even six will be relegated. This cut back ensures an exciting season with even the big guns of Swiss football threatened with the dreaded drop. This is incidentally the sixth (!) formula tried in this country in the past twelve years.

In effect the championship will be staged in two phases. The qualification embraces 30 home and away matches, then comes the final pool. There will be no automatic promotion from the Second Division. The play-offs are intended for relegation and promotion issues, but the system was not yet decided upon concerning the title win. It was proposed that the top four clubs will stage a deciding pool by taking half the points total with them, or alternately arrange a straight knockout play-off.

Seven up Tirol

THE NEW sensation in Austrian league football are FC Tirol (formerly Wacker Innsbruck) who won the opening seven matches including the two fixtures against champions FK Austria and runners up Rapid Vienna; they led the table by four points over those two giants of Austrian football.

The success of this old club with a new name is due to skilful team rebuilding by new management and could at last lead to the break of the monopoly recently re-established by the clubs from Vienna. Back in the 1970s, under the name of Swarovski Innsbruck, they already once led Austrian football thanks to such stars as Koncilia, Pezzey, Hattenberger, Jara and Welzl. But the exit abroad has brought on a crisis playing-wise and financially, caused by a dramatic slump in crowd support.

The turning point came in 1985 with the engagement of Hansi Muller West Germany's international midfielder who came via Stuttgart, Inter-Milan and Como. The man who organised Muller's transfer is the most powerful personality behind the scene here. Gernot Langes, the chief of the glass and crystal works of Swarovski, a generous soccer supporter, but also a shrewd businessman. Muller's transfer convinced him that with the right backing football could become big business in the Tyrol.

During the previous season Langes strengthened the defence with two Yugoslavs, goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic (formerly with Dynamo Zagreb and Red Star Belgrade) and the uncompromising sweeper Ivica Kalinic (ex-Hajduk Split). In the spring of this year the old club was amalgmated with all other associated clubs and the name changed to FC Tirol. New club colours blue and white, a dynamic organisation and marketing division from the Swarovski set up gave the club a new image.

From Grazer AK came the allrounder Steinbauer (26), from Admira Wacker the tall stopper Messlender (24). And just three hours before the league started, the lethal striker Peter Pacult (26) from Rapid Vienna was tempted to Innsbruck.

Those three players cost together £400,000, a colossal sum for Austrian football. But now team manager Felix Latzke (a former national team boss) has a team worthy of succeeding FK Austria and Rapid as the country's best.

FF DOUBTS

Lucerne had protested against the last formula because it could happen that a club who initially gained a six, or eight point advantage could miss out on Europe if it loses to two opponents in the final group. Secondly, the whole programme of 30 matches could become meaningless and some clubs would only play to reach the last four because they could then still win the title.

In the play-offs the club which finished fourth will play the first, the third will meet the second, home and away. The winners decide the title. The losers will determine the remaining placings. In a final pool each club would play the others under a league system with half the points added on from the 30 matches of the first phase.

The last two clubs are relegated automatically, the next four will play off against the top four from the Second Division and decide who stays up and which clubs are promoted.

The following season (1987-88) twelve teams will stage a complete programme. In the second phase the first eight will play against each other taking half the points total with them. The last four will also stage play-offs against the top four from Division Two (two each from the two Second Division sections).

BREAK MONEY

Arthur Rotmil

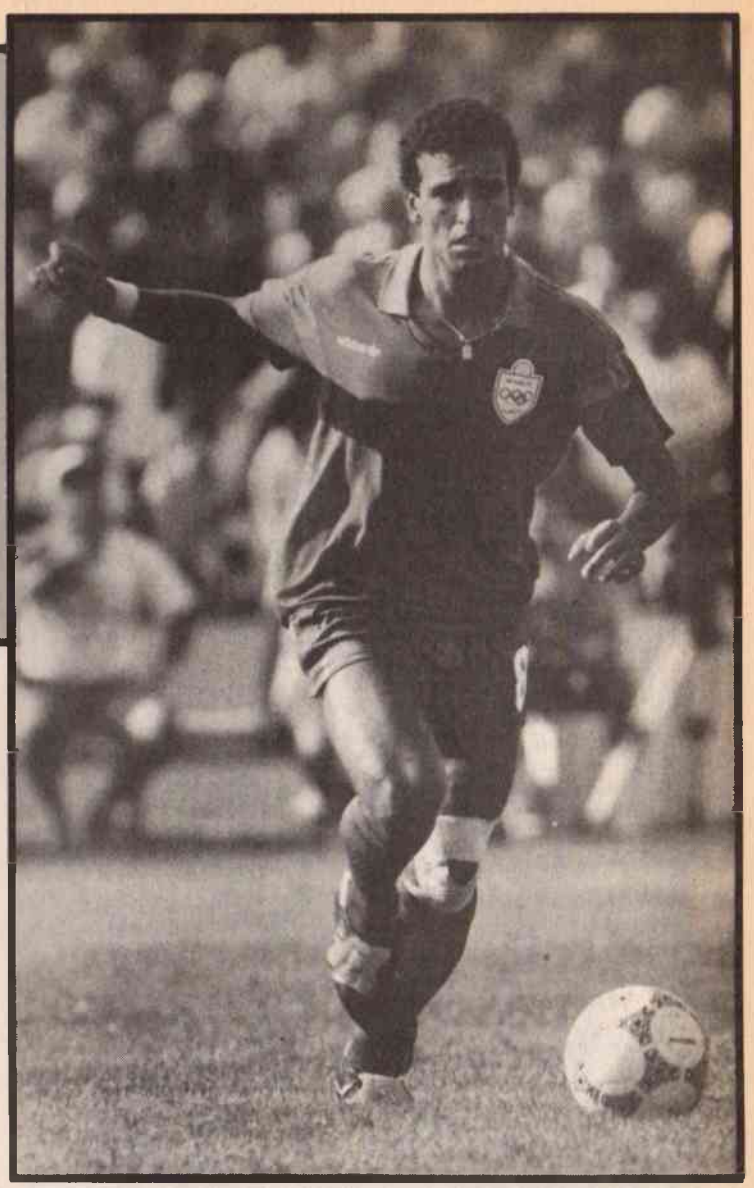
Bayern Munich's general manager Uli Hoeness described the television fee as "derisory" and claimed it should have been £10 million or even £16 million. He said: "We should not be selling our product quite so cheaply." Football, for decades the number one sport in this country, retains its drawing power despite the fact that a number of individual world top athletes have captured the public's imagination and contributed to an "explosion" of interest here — like Boris Becker in tennis, Michael Gross in swimming and Bernhard Langer in golf, or Paul Schockemöhle in show jumping.

Hoeness (34) capped 35 times and the scorer of five goals for the national team, holds a European championship and World Cup-winners medal, in addition to several triumphs at national and international levels with Bayern Munich. He bemoans the lowest gates in the Bundesliga for 13 years and the loss of 2.5 million fans during the past eight years. He thinks that football as we know it today is doomed — "Many clubs will go to the wall before long, unless they return to part-time football. In ten years there will be a European league composed of the richest clubs. They will play each other and make the biggest profit from private cable television.

"The fans will be able to see the matches only on pay-as-you-view TV sets. If only 6 million soccer enthusiasts pay 1 Mark each (30p.) they would produce a take of 6 million Marks (£2 million). Add to this the TV fee, perimeter advertising, sponsorship, plus gate receipts and the total income from just one match would be in excess of 9 million Marks (£3 million). Home clubs would keep all the receipts and meet only the costs of travelling to away matches."

In this "vision of the future" the European elite would obviously scoop the biggest talent from all over the continent and offer football of the highest quality.

Meanwhile in the Bundesliga the surprise team, as I write, have been Bayer Leverkusen who after three games led the table for the first time in its 82-year old history, albeit on goal average. The management made a fortituous purchase to strengthen the midfield with the 19 times capped Wolfgang Rolff (26) from Hamburg. Up front the veteran South Korean striker Bum-kun Tscha (33) and the six times capped Herbert Waas (23) have confirmed their lethal finishing.



AZIZ BOUDERBALA . . . Morocco's World Cup star from Swiss club Aarau.

Manager Erich Ribbeck (49) ranks among the best in the country. He played for Wuppertaler SV and Viktoria Cologne; as a team manager he was assistant at Borussia Mönchengladbach (1965-67), fully in charge at Rotweiss Essen (1967-68), Eintracht Frankfurt (1968-73), Kaiserslautern (1973-78) with the DFB, Football Federation, (1978-84), Borussia Dortmund (1984-85) and Bayer Leverkusen (since July 1, 1985).

Ribbeck was in line to become national team manager in 1984, but the DFB surprisingly opted for Franz Beckenbauer who has still not obtained their official coaching licence.

After just three matches the Bundesliga reported its first managerial casualty. Fritz Fuchs, who took modest FC Homburg to promotion for the first time in the club's history, was fired after the team gained just one point from the possible six. Fuchs has had disagreements over tactics with the directors and was forced out as a matter of principle.

He was replaced by Udo Klug (58) who played for FSV Frankfurt, Rödelheim and *SpVgg* Bad Homburg and managed a string of lesser known clubs but also had spells with Eintracht Frankfurt and I.FC Nürnberg and has for the past two years been in his second term with second division Darmstadt.

Köln's team boss George Kessler is also having problems following the 3-0 thrashing by Bayern Munich which sent his expensive team to one-but-last place, with one point from three games. The newcomers like Morten Olsen, Tony Woodcock and Thomas Allofs, plus Armin Görtz have not settled down and it could be curtains for "Sir George" as he is called here.

By contrast, newcomers Blau-weiss Berlin delighted their 32,000 fans with their first ever Bundesliga victory — 3-2 over Borussia Mönchengladbach. The visitors led 2-1 till the 81st minute, then Karl-Heinz Riedle (last season still an amateur) scored twice to clinch the win.

WORLD SOCCER'S NEW ITALIAN CORRESPONDENT JANE NOTTAGE REPORTS . . .

MILAN – INTO BATTLE BY HELICOPTER

LIKE a modern-day Napoleon leading his troops into battle, Milan's new president Silvio Berlusconi took his team off to summer training camp in giant helicopters, accompanied by the rousing Wagner theme tune from Apocalypse Now.

Also like Napoleon, they got off to a thundering start decimating their opposing teams and winning six matches in a row. Then they faltered in the Columbus Cup in Genoa drawing 1-1 with hosts Genoa and 1-1 with Argentinos Juniors. They finally met their Waterloo in Spain, falling 1-3 to Terry Venables' Barcelona and 1-2 to Tottenham.

Since then they have recovered sufficiently to win all their Italian Cup matches and lead their group.

During the last few months, in a series of moves planned with SAS precision, Berlusconi has poached some of the best talent from home and abroad. In a cloak and dagger type operation, highly talented defender Dario Bonetti was signed up without the prior knowledge of his controversial Roma president, Viola. Other new talent includes attacker Guiseppe Galderisi from Verona and ex-Fiorentina goalkeeper Giovanni Galli (who as national keeper was heavily criticised during the last World Cup).

Waiting in the wings for the ban on additional foreign players to be lifted, is 21-year-old Claudio Borghi who is still with Argentinos Juniors this year.

Berlusconi said: "We have bought the best, we will give our fans entertaining football and intend to bring the league chapionship to Milan."

Such fighting talk has been disdainfully ignored by champions Juventus. But even with the vast wealth of the Fiat empire behind them, new manager from Como, Rino Marchesi, has started with a fistful of problems. Not only has he to follow in the footsteps of Giovanni Trapattoni, who led Juventus to every victory possible over the last ten years, but two of his star players, Michel Platini and Super-Dane Michel Laudrup have been out of action with tendonitis.

Platini is now back to almost full strength, while Laudrup made his pre-season debut in the cup match against Reggiana and scored one of four goals. They may have been playing below par but true to their reputation as the most consistent team in the league, Juventus won all four pre-season matches and led their group in the Italian Cup.

Juventus's loss is Internazionale's gain and Trapattoni is now at the helm of one of the main championship contenders. After a dispirted performance last season, Trap has his work cut out moulding eleven world class players into a team. When I visited their summer camp in Varese, he was busy whipping them into shape with a training programme guaranteed to make even Daley Thompson weak at the knees.

It consisted of two long hard sessions a day in 90 degrees of heat and captain Alessandro Altobelli paused between sessions to tell me that "the combination of a first-class manager and a change in tactics to include sweeper Daniel Passarella and Matteoli and Piraccini in midfield has already had positive results. We are all working well together."

Giuseppe Bergomi of Italy

Altobelli is under pressure to prove he can score goals in the domestic game. Last year he was heavily criticised by the fans when Inter lost three "easy" games in a row, although he has an excellent goal-scoring record in Europe and with the national team.

Inter, however had a shaky start in their pre-championship matches. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is still fighting a persistent injury to a muscle in his right thigh which has left him well off form and the subject of unfair press criticism. After a recent training session he expressed his displeasure by refusing to speak to the media and storming off in his car.

Inter's midfield has been a revelation. Newcomers Adriano Piraccini from Bari and Gianfranco Matteoli from Sampdoria have joined forces with Marco Tardelli and energetic Pierro Fanna to produce a highly adaptable and creative midfield which helped to win both opening Italian Cup matches by 3-1 and 4-1 against Cavese and Catania respectively.

The 48 teams participating in the Italian Cup will be whittled down to 16 for the second part at the end of next season.

The big five — Inter, Milan, Napoli, Juventus and Cup holders Roma — are all leading their respective groups. After a disappointing World Cup, Poland's Zibi Boniek is proving the key man in the Roma line-up, covering the midfield with an agility that lesser mortals can only wonder at. Alongside him national team members Sebastiano Nela in defence and Carlo Ancelotti in midfield are also leading lights in the squad.

In a recent match against Lazio, World Cup and Napoli star Diego Maradona repeated the type of goal for which he became famous during the World Cup (No, not with his fist). Some of his magic has obviously rubbed off on new attacker Andrea Carnevale. Maradona said: "With the addition of Andrea the team has truly become transformed. He's the player we needed."

Such high praise from the king totally overwhelmed Carnevale who probably won't score another goal all season.

Italy's 1982 World Cup hero Paolo Rossi has moved from Milan, where he had a miserable year, to Verona and alongside Dane Preben Elkjaer he has rediscovered his goal-scoring talents. He scored both goals in the cup against Campobasso (coached now by Sweden's Tord Grip).

Irishman Liam Brady is having an uphill struggle as the newly-appointed captain of promoted Ascoli. They lost 1-4 to a team in serie C. The main problem is trying to instill a dose of realism into a team still euphoric after last season's success and return to serie A.

Unfortunately, the season kicks off under a cloud of scandal. The investigation into the bribery and corruption racket involving "game fixing" resulted in Udinese and newly promoted Vicenza being "sent down" to serie B. However, a court of appeal partly over-ruled this decision and Udinese remain in serie A but start the season with a nine point penalty. This is much to the chagrin of Pisa who thought they would escape relegation at the expense of Udinese but now have to play in serie B. Vicenza have lost their promotion chances and remain in serie B, whilst Empoli climb into serie A in their place. Lazio also escaped relegation to the third division on appeal and begin the second division season with a nine-point penalty.

PIETRO FANNA . . . back in form at Internazionale.

FIXTURES

ITALIAN FIXTURES
(Reverse dates in brackets)

Sep 14 (Jan 18):
Avellino-Fiorentina
Brescia-Napoli
Empoli-Inter
Milan-Ascoli
Roma-Como
Sampdoria-Atalanta
Torino-Verona
Udinese-Juventus.

Sep 21 (Feb 1):
Ascoli-Empoli
Atalanta-Roma
Como-Torino
Fiorentina-Sampdoria
Inter-Brescia
Juventus-Avellino
Napoli-Udinese
Verona-Milan

Sep 28 (Feb 8):
Avellino-Napoli
Brescia-Fiorentina
Empoli-Juventus
Milan-Atalanta
Roma-Verona
Sampdoria-Como
Torino-Ascoli
Udinese-Inter

Oct 5 (Feb 22):
Ascoli-Avellino
Atalanta-Empoli
Como-Brescia
Fiorentina-Udinese
Inter-Roma
Juventus-Milan
Napoli-Torino
Verona-Sampdoria

Oct 12 (Mar 1):
Atalanta-Ascoli
Avellino-Como
Fiorentina-Juventus
Milan-Inter
Roma-Brescia
Sampdoria-Napoli
Torino-Empoli
Udinese-Verona

Oct 19 (Mar 8):
Ascoli-Juventus
Brescia-Udinese
Como-Fiorentina
Empoli-Milan
Inter-Sampdoria
Napoli-Atalanta
Torino-Roma
Verona-Avellino

Oct 26 (Mar 15):
Ascoli-Como
Atalanta-Torino
Avellino-Udinese
Fiorentina-Verona
Juventus-Inter
Milan-Brescia
Roma-Napoli
Sampdoria-Empoli

Nov 2 (Mar 22):
Brescia-Sampdoria
Como-Juventus
Empoli-Roma
Milan-Fiorentina
Napoli-Inter
Torino-Avellino
Udinese-Ascoli
Verona-Atalanta

Nov 9 (Mar 29):
Ascoli-Fiorentina
Atalanta-Como
Avellino-Brescia
Empoli-Verona
Inter-Torino
Juventus-Napoli
Roma-Udinese
Sampdoria-Milan

Nov 23 (Apr 5):
Brescia-Torino
Como-Inter
Fiorentina-Roma
Juventus-Atalanta
Milan-Avellino
Napoli-Empoli
Udinese-Sampdoria
Verona-Ascoli

Nov 30 (Apr 12):
Atalanta-Brescia
Como-Udinese
Empoli-Fiorentina
Inter-Avellino
Napoli-Verona
Roma-Juventus
Sampdoria-Ascoli
Torino-Milan

Dec 14 (Apr 26):
Ascoli-Roma
Avellino-Sampdoria
Brescia-Empoli
Fiorentina-Inter
Juventus-Torino
Milan-Napoli
Udinese-Atalanta
Verona-Como

Dec 21 (May 3):
Atalanta-Avellino
Brescia-Verona
Empoli-Udinese
Inter-Ascoli
Napoli-Como
Roma-Milan
Sampdoria-Juventus
Torino-Fiorentina

Jan 4 (May 10):
Ascoli-Brescia
Avellino-Empoli
Como-Milan
Fiorentina-Napoli
Inter-Atalanta
Juventus-Verona
Sampdoria-Roma
Udinese-Torino

Jan 11 (May 17):
Atalanta-Fiorentina
Brescia-Juventus
Empoli-Como
Milan-Udinese
Napoli-Ascoli
Roma-Avellino
Torino-Sampdoria
Verona-Inter

ENGLAND ... by Derick Allsop

RANGERS SLIP UP

RANGERS' lavishly-purchased regal red carpet was obscured by banana skins as the cynics and doubters waited in snickering anticipation for the comic slide and the nosedive into the custard pie.

They didn't have too long to wait with the eruption of mischief, mayhem and madness as the costliest Scottish club side ever assembled lost the opening Premier League encounter of the season to Hibs at Easter Road and, in the process, had former World Cup captain Graeme Souness experiencing the red card treatment even before the first-half had stuttered to a halt.

But their raucous belly laughter may have come a little too soon. Certainly Souness, banned and watching from the sidelines, had a lot to smile about after the first Old Firm confrontation of the programme when his rich kids beat Celtic 1-0 and, in all honesty, could have won much more handsomely against a Parkhead side that might have struggled to beat its reserve outfit that historic afternoon at Ibrox.

The Sunday game was a 44,000 sell-out and millions watched at home — the first time ever a Scottish League game has been beamed lived on television. Celtic manager Davie Hay groaned: "What a day to pick to have your worst performance for ages."

An army of critics wrote off Rangers' chances before the duel commenced and, afterwards, a host of those same 'experts' said it had been a disappointing 90 minutes. Try telling that to Souness, matchwinner Iain Durrant, the bewildering Ted McMinn, £750,000 English international defender Terry Butcher and Chris Woods, Peter Shilton's understudy. And, of course, the legions of Rangers fans.

I had been at Parkhead the previous week to see Celtic draw 1-1 with Aberdeen in front of around 50,000 spectators. Astonishingly I read match reports of the 90 minutes being a classic. In truth, it was nothing of the sort although, naturally, everyone is entitled to his opinion.

Celtic were superior to Aberdeen and their outfield passing and interchanging were praiseworthy, but their final pass was nothing short of wretched. Aberdeen's inexperienced stand-in goalkeeper Bryan Gunn, replacing injured international Jim Leighton, had two saves to make — one long-range drive from Paul McStay in the first-half and another after the turn-around from a Murdo MacLeod 25-yarder — and the Parkhead side's equalising goal was unfortunately deflected out of his reach when a MacLeod free-kick struck Joe Miller.

The abysmal finishing and dismal service to Celtic's front two of Mo Johnston and Brian McClair raised my eyebrows. Johnston, too often, was asked to do it all on his lonesome and whatever this energetic young man achieves in football he will never become famous for scoring goals outside the penalty area. His frustration showed on a couple of occasions when he took swipes at the ball from ranges of 25 yards or so and they never troubled Gunn.

While an avalanche of praise collapsed on Celtic I thought a little of it was a shade hysterical. Balancing that, I thought Rangers probably had too many brickbats for their display the following Wednesday against East Fife in the League Cup at Methil. They won 5-4 on penalty-kicks after a nerve-wracking 90 minutes plus extra-time that failed to conjure up a goal.

If Terry Butcher and Co thought there would be some easy touches in Scotland they can now forget it. East Fife's reputation as battlers is vast and for them the meeting against Rangers was their Cup Final of the year. They, too, wanted to sprinkle out the slippery fruit, but, on this occasion, the Ibrox players watched where they were going and took each step with extreme caution.

And so it was onto Ibrox, colourful and loud, for one of the most crucial eyeball-to-eyeball situations between these giants. Rangers played with a verve and gusto that took Celtic by surprise. The elegance of the Parkhead midfield — and I have the greatest of admiration for Paul McStay, Murdo MacLeod and Tommy Burns — evaporated under the pressure and strain of Iain Durrant, Derek Ferguson and Cammy Fraser — three players who could hardly be called regulars last season.

Rangers appeared to win every loose ball, they challenged with a frightening fervour and they realised only too well they had something to prove. And they did their job. Celtic rarely showed any menace and their clearances from defence — especially from the old hopeful high ball — were mesmerising, to say the least.

Centre-back Paul McGugan became something of an ally for Rangers. Colin West, the bustling £200,000 striker from Watford, was injured and missed the encounter, leaving his charges without a target man to knock down balls for Ally McCoist. McGugan was an admirably, if reluctant, substitute.

The big lad can climb to astonishing heights, but he'll have to learn — and learn quickly — that it is always best to knock the ball away from goal to the wings. Too many of his clearances were misdirected back into the penalty area and created all sorts of bother for his fellow-defenders.

Derek Whyte, the Celtic left-back who celebrated, if that's the word, his 18th birthday against Rangers, will play for Scotland some day, but he, too, will have to be more careful with his headers out of defence. On the deck this elegant teenager can sweep the ball about spectacularly with a good left foot, but he'll have to be a bit more convincing during aerial combat.

Celtic have already admitted they have a real problem over the right-back spot and both Peter Grant, in the first-half, and Willie McStay, in the second, played in this berth against Rangers. Neither was a success. To be fair to Grant and McStay they are not full-backs and their best positions are elsewhere in the team.

The only goal of a hectic, bruising battle came 16 minutes from time and clinically proved the deficiences in a defence that falls apart when the going gets too tough. A simple long ball down the middle from Chris Woods created all sorts of bother. McGugan was beaten, the ball was fed through to Davie Cooper who bamboozled the hard-working Roy Aitken with a delightful reverse pass and Durrant found himself totally unguarded in front of the utterly exposed Pat Bonner. Durrant had time to indulge in a little bit of trickery before slotting the ball away.

Celtic cannot expect to conquer too many fields in combat with a rearguard built on tissue paper. They need a central defender and a right-back like Nigel Mansell's car needs petrol. They are not going to be a consistent success until that fact is accepted.

Like I said earlier, Rangers deserved to be victors on this occasion, but even in triumph there must be a worrying aspect for Souness. Celtic could so easily have equalised four minutes from time and took a share of the booty in a prize fight that should have seen them take the full count of ten long before the scheduled end.

Woods made his one and only mistake when he lost his footing coming for a well-flighted free-kick from MacLeod. Butcher was hampered by the attentions of Johnston and missed his attempted clearance. Brian McClair, coming in at speed, was beautifully placed to send a simple header into the empty net, but he got his elevation all wrong and, to the annoyance and frustration from the Celtic support behind that goal, sent the ball sailing harmlessly over the crossbar.

I have already stated in this magazine that I believe McClair should be given the opportunity to show his prowess in the Scottish international set-up. New coach Andy Roxburgh was at Ibrox to see that glaring miss, but I still believe the Celt's time will come.

Souness, however, would have had to have ordered a major inquest if that effort had hit the rigging. Rangers had been so obviously superior to a stuttering Celtic that anything other than a victory should have been unthinkable.

There wasn't much in it, but Rangers missed the banana skin on that occasion. Of course, they haven't always body-swerved the giggle treatment this season. Only a week after the Hibs fiasco, they were 2-0 up on Dundee United at Ibrox. Now that is a ground that appeals to the United men like a fight with Marvin Hagler would appeal to yours truly, but they still came back to win 3-2 after a comedy of errors that starred Englishmen Butcher and Woods.

SCOTLAND . . . by Alex Gordon

RANGERS player-manager Graeme Souness (right), having just been sent off against Hibs on the first day of the season.

GOAL RUSH AT LIVERPOOL

A FAMILIAR name made the headlines in the opening exchanges of the English Football League Championship . . . but not always for the usual reason.

Ian Rush, whose goals have led Liverpool's remorseless drive for honours these past seasons and earned a delayed £3m transfer to Juventus, was instantly back into the old routine. He scored twice in the first match at Newcastle and then struck the winner in the third game, at home to Arsenal, as the Merseyside giants underlined their determination to hold on to the title.

Yet between those successful outings Liverpool had to endure a frustrating 0-0 draw against Manchester City at Anfield and Rush the blackest day of his professional life.

The Welsh striker was sent off for the first time in his career after the final whistle for using "foul and abusive language." Rush, angry that two late penalty appeals had been turned down, approached referee Ken Walmsley as the players and officials left the pitch.

Rush and the Liverpool camp claimed they weren't aware of the dismissal but Walmsley confirmed: "He was sent off for remarks he made to myself."

Later Rush declared his intention to defend himself and said he wanted to ask for a personal FA hearing. The experience may have shaken 24-year-old Rush but clearly didn't put him out of his stride. Five days later that decisive goal against Arsenal provided the proof.

Even though the Italians have to wait another season for Rush's services, they have, according to Arsenal's new manager George Graham, a bargain.

After his side's 2-1 defeat Graham said: "Liverpool had better keep him for as long as possible. He's priceless. If Rush had been playing for us we would have won."

It's not the first time we've heard that lament and, I fancy, it won't be the last before Rush says farewell to this land and heads off to Turin. The English game, now deprived of Gary Lineker and Mark Hughes, recruited by Terry Venables for Barcelona, can ill-afford to lose the rare talents of Rush. He is perhaps the supreme marksman and even Liverpool will find him a difficult act to replace.

Those early games of the season suggested, however, that there remain one or two more hungry strikers and significantly their teams, like Liverpool, prospered. Clive Allen flexed his muscles with a hat-trick away to Aston Villa and then another goal at home to Newcastle as Tottenham stormed away from the blocks. Eventually they had to settle for a draw against Newcastle but a second half goal by Graham Roberts secured victory over Manchester City and with it the league leadership, if only on goal difference.

The other teams on seven points from three matches were Liverpool and West Ham United, and John Lyall's men, too, had a lethal finisher to point the way. Frank McAvennie served notice that he aimed to carry on where he left off last season, scoring two of his side's goals in a stirring 3-2 win against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Lyall said: "It was said he wouldn't get as many once people learned about his style. But that winner was typical of his intelligent development. It was as good as you will ever see."

For United it was a second successive defeat, a sharp contrast to their start last season, when they won 10 matches in a row and threatened to romp away with the Championship. United never expressed such a belief and equally there were no signs of panic after that defeat by West Ham, a match in which they'd fought back from two down and ultimately paid for defensive errors.

Manager Ron Atkinson, attempting to steer the club to their first Championship triumph in 20 seasons, said: "Defensively we were perhaps a bit naive and lacked concentration two or three times, but if we continue to play like this we will be all right."

United's next match was again at Old Trafford against newly promoted Charlton. Surely this was the opportunity to get off the mark and prevent the build-up of any pressure.

Alas for Atkinson, it simply didn't work out that way. United never played with confidence or conviction and Charlton gratefully grasped their opportunity to register a 1-0 win. Disenchanted United supporters hurled abuse at the players and the management. They yelled: "We want a manager," then "Atkinson out" and "What a load of rubbish."

Atkinson admitted: "I'm very unhappy at the moment. It's the worst start I've ever had as a manager, not just at United, and there's no way we'll snap out of it without winning. But we've got to keep doing the right things and trying to play good football. I know the fans are calling for my head but I've no thoughts for myself at the moment — only for my team.

"I'm convinced things will change. We are very short of confidence at the moment and desperately need a win. But we'll battle it out — and I'm determined to do that."

So Atkinson, who joined United five years ago and has twice taken them to FA Cup success, remained defiant. He also retained, publicly at least, the support of his chairman Martin Edwards.

"We are not fickle enough to sack a man after just three games," said Edwards. "I am disappointed and it is understandable that our supporters feel the same. But we gave Ron Atkinson another chance after last season and my job as chairman is to stand by him and be as supportive as possible.

"If things are not going right it is also my job to make whatever changes are needed. We gave the manager another chance — that doesn't mean his last chance."

Apart from those defensive errors Atkinson talked about, the midfield was woefully ineffective. Norman Whiteside, in particular, struggled to find a semblance of form. Not for the first time, the side was missing the influence of Bryan Robson, who was recovering from his shoulder operation.

Perhaps their aggression and purpose will give United the sense of direction they patently require. Without it, they face the prospect of a long and gloomy winter. Those three defeats didn't quite leave United stranded at the bottom of the First Division. That dubious distinction belonged to another famous, former European Cup-winning club, Aston Villa.

Ambitious manager Graham Turner spent £1 million during the summer, strengthening a squad he felt could make a genuine impact this season.

But it didn't help Villa . . . or Turner who lost his job and was replaced by Billy McNeill.

Up and away f

from Andre Duclos

FRENCH football, like life itself, is full of strange surprises. Who, for example, would ever think that little Alain Giresse, after all those years spent with his beloved Bordeaux, years at the end of which he was well known to covet a place in management, would suddenly up stakes and be away to Marseille?

Who would ever have imagined that wily old Stefan Kovacs, once manager of France, also manager of the Rumanian national team, not to mention Ajax Amsterdam in their great days, would, in his old age, suddenly be appointed by Monaco as their new manager?

Who would ever have thought that a famous international centre-forward such as Belgium's Erwin Vandenbergh, 40 times capped for his country, a veteran of two World Cups, even if the second of them didn't go too well for him, would be snapped up by as unfashionable a club as Lille? But there we are: it has all happened.

Giresse, first. The stocky little man who was still such a talented member of the French midfield in Mexico even if, at the age of 33, he was not quite the force he used to be. Born at Langoiran, not far from Bordeaux itself, Giresse was the loyal local product par excellence; and goodness knows, even if he has left them now, Bordeaux have had long and marvellous service from him.

Giresse says he wasn't really too surprised when, turning up for pre-season training with Bordeaux, he was somewhat brusquely told that they wouldn't, what with their new players, be counting on him all that much in the present Championship. A chat with the club president, Claude Bez, did nothing to reassure him, or to suggest that his hopes of entering the club management would be realised. Something that seemed well sewn up when he signed his last contract for the Girondins, a couple of years ago.

Then who should turn up that Thursday in Bordeaux but the wealthy new president of Marseille, Bernard Tapie, with concrete proposals to offer. Given that Giresse was upset, uncertain how often he would even play for Bordeaux this season, he was quick to respond.

"On the level of football, on the level of the field of play," said Giresse, "I was worried, and that is what mattered most. As I hadn't yet re-signed for the Girondins, I was quite free to follow up the proposition. But everything happened so fast that I still don't really know what's gone on . . . I am not leaving easily. One doesn't easily leave a club where one has been through so much. At the moment, I look outside and I know that leaving my house and this countryside will be very hard. I shall have a full heart."

As, no doubt, will those who have played happily and beneficially alongside him, and the fans for whom he was such a hero. What a sad, brutally abrupt, end to such a superb career with Bordeaux for the little man virtually found a pistol at his head, had to make up his mind about Marseille within a few hours as the Girondins were booked to play at Split, in Yugoslavia; whence the Vujovic twins had just arrived.

Also at Bordeaux, now, is Phippe Vercruysse, who didn't make quite the impact in the World Cup one thought he might have done; though he did get on the field now and again. How ironic that when he decided to leave Lens for the bigger, richer club towards the end of last season, Giresse was one of the players who seemed in his mind to stand between him and a regular place. But now he has his third place medal from Mexico, Giresse has gone, Platini will be out of the French national team for the forseeable future, and the world would appear to be his oyster. Modestly, he emphasises that it isn't this or that player who makes the wheels turn round for France, but "a whole group of players who know each other well and have affinities both on and off the field."

Vercruysse is reconciled to the fact that he played but 146 minutes in Mexico. Indeed he says that the match which will always remain sharpest in his memory is that between France and Brazil, both on the field and off, especially for the "marvel" of the Jalisco Stadium, filled as it was with Brazilian fans.

With the rebuilt French midfield now, he says, things are bound to be difficult, he cannot do everything himself, but he is clearly encouraged by the way he and young Ferreri, so successful a partnership against Argentina in Paris shortly before the World Cup, got down to business in the Third Place match, even though each of them was short of match

EXTRA POINT FOR

from TERRY BUSHELL

POLAND has come up with a novel way of encouraging attacking football — teams winning by three goals or more get an extra point.

This rule has been introduced following Poland's dismal showing in the Mexico World Cup finals, where they scored only one goal in four games.

In the first week of the new season, it seemed not to have the desired effect. Only ten goals were scored in the first division, the "Ekstraklas" — and four of them were in one match, in which champions Gornik Zabrze beat Ruch Chorzow 3-1 at home.

A last-minute goal for Ruch by Krzysztof Warzycha denied Gornik a victory by three goals that would have given them three points.

But then 17 goals were scored in the second week, with GKS Katowice thrashing Legia Warsaw 5-2 at home for the extra point, and 21 were scored in the third week, this time with two sides earning three points. Legia Warsaw trounced Polonia Bytom 4-0 at home and Zabrze this time managed a 3-0 victory, thanks to a last-minute goal for them instead of against them. Their striker Andrzej Iwan was the timely scorer, at home to Lech Poznan.

Just to make it doubly interesting, the teams that lose by three or more goals have a point deducted. So Legia were back where they started, having lost an extra point and then gaining an extra point. This could get complicated.

Poor Ruch followed up their opening day defeat with a 1-1 draw at home to Olimpia Poznan and a 2-1 defeat at Widzew Lodz. Leszczyk and Putek (from a penalty) scored for Widzew to leave them fifth and Ruch third from bottom.

Ruch were one of six Ekstraklas clubs punished this summer with a two-year ban on transfers abroad for players after allegations of match-fixing at the end of last season. No bribery evidence was found but the Football Federation said some games were played "in an unsporting spirit."

The extra point earned by GKS Katowice and Gornik Zabrze left them clear at the top of the table even though three other clubs had won two and drawn one.

Wojciech Lazarek is the new national team manager, in place of Antoni Piechniczek, who resigned after the World Cup.

BULGARIA: SREDETS, formerly CSKA, made a flying start, winning their three opening games and two of them by a big score.

On the first day, they beat Sliven 2-1 at home, Iordan Dimitrov scoring both their goals, and followed this with a comfortable 3-0 victory at newly-promoted Spartak Plovdiv and a 7-2 roasting of Vratsa.

In the latter match, played in front of 8,000 of their own supporters in Sofia, they scored three goals in four minutes.

After 20-year-old striker Lyubislav Penev had given them a 13th-minute lead, Luchezar Tanev increased it in the 26th minute. Sredets won the ball straight from the re-start and immediately scored again, through Dimitrov, and then two minutes later Penev made it 4-0. In the second half, Tanev went

y for Giresse

practice. Train as hard as you wish, says Vercruysse, it is never the same as match play.

He is confident that France, the holders, will qualify for the Finals of the European Nations Cup, and though they are the holders, he believes they still have everything to gain, with their rebuilt team. At Bordeaux, he feels there is a nice blend of experience and youth.

Erwin Vandenbergh finds himself at Lille because he fell out with Aarie Haan, the once-famous Dutch international who succeeded Paul Van Himst as the manager of Anderlecht. It was last April: Anderlecht were playing an important League match against Beerschot and Vandenbergh found he had been dropped. It was just too much for him to bear; not least, he said, because it meant that the team had to play without a single recognised forward.

"I'm going to go to a club where they use attackers," he vowed. There was no healing the breach. Haan said he deplored Vandenbergh's outburst, that dirty linen should not be washed in public. There was no reconciliation. Though Vandenbergh had four full years of his contract to go, though he had grown up as a star with Anderlecht, though he had the reputation of being a mild and malleable young man, he was on his way.

On his way to Lille. In they commendably leapt, with a hand out from the municipality to help them. Georges Heylens may well have been a determining factor. Manager of Lille, he was of course for many years the distinguished right back for Anderlecht and Belgium; and he had been desperately keen to sign Vandenbergh. At Lille, he insists, Vandenbergh can find his true level. "A new environment, another way of living. With us, he'll be made to face his responsibilities, and I am sure that his morale will rapidly come back. With Erwin, as with the majority of goal scorers, it is only a question of morale and confidence. And then has he not scored 205 goals in seven seasons in the Belgian Championship?"

Not only Vandenbergh but . . . Desmet. The lively Belgian international attacker, who did such good things with Waregem, has also come to Lille.

ALEKSANDR ZAVAROV . . . controversial penalty.

OR GOALS

on to complete a hat-trick.

The two promoted clubs, Spartak Plovdiv and Dimitrovgrad, failed to gain a point in the opening three games and look like going straight back down.

Champions Beroe Stara Zagora also made a bad start, losing 2-1 at home to Slavia on the first day and by the same score at Chernomorets on the third. Only a 3-1 home win over Pirin keeps them clear of the bottom group. Even then they were a bit lucky, for it was a very close game until Krasimir Donev scored twice in the last ten minutes. Donev, 23, was signed in the summer from small third division club Tundzha.

RUMANIA: A Rumanian national side stormed out of an international tournament in Jakarta, accusing a Malaysian referee of bias in favour of hosts Indonesia.

The Rumanians walked off the pitch a minute into extra time following a series of complaints to referee Steven Ovinis. The score was 1-1 after Ovinis awarded a disputed goal to Indonesia in the sixth minute of injury time.

The 25,000 spectators in the Sanayan Stadium booed and jeered when the Rumanians conceded the match to give the host team a place in the Final of the Kemerdekaan (Independence) Cup. Police were called onto the pitch when some spectators invaded it but there were no serious disturbances.

Singapore, Malaysia, Algeria and a Brazilian team were the other sides in the ten-day tournament.

SOVIET UNION: All Supreme League matches are filmed on video so that controversial incidents can be seen afterwards by a federation panel which has the power to punish players or referees for bad behaviour or mistakes.

Several referees have been censured in the past for wrong decisions, and now one of the country's top referees has been banned for the rest of this season for "a grave mistake" in Dynamo Kiev's home fixture with Dynamo Minsk.

Near the end of the match, with the score 2-2, Kiev striker Aleksandr Zavarov broke through the Minsk defence and was brought down in the area. Referee Milchenko judged it to be a foul and awarded a penalty from which Igor Belanov scored to give Kiev a 3-2 victory. Minsk players hotly disputed the decision: Gotsmanov and Rodnenok went too far and were sent off.

The panel has the right to declare results of games null and void but it seems this result will stand even though Kiev's extra point and Minsk's lost point have a distinct bearing on the title race.

Minsk are third, one point behind leaders Zenit Leningrad but with a game in hand, and Kiev are a further point behind but with several games in hand as their League fixtures were suspended while Kiev players represented the national team almost *en bloc* in the Mexico World Cup.

Only 18 days before, Kiev had come away from Minsk with a point from a fiercely-contested 1-1 draw.

Kiev's goal was scored by their new star striker, a blond and very tall 23-year-old, Aleksei Mikhailichenko. In the 17th minute he netted with a header — and this was the fifth consecutive match in which he scored; one in each game.

In the next match he made it six in a row, with an opportunist goal at home to Kairat Alma-Ata after Kairat's experienced 'keeper Ubykin had failed to hold the ball from a direct free-kick. It was the only goal of the game.

But this match will go down in history for another reason. Oleg Blokhin was playing his 400th match in the Supreme League. The record for the number of Supreme League matches is 427, held by Viktor Shustikov. It is impossible for Blokhin to break that record this season but he probably will next term. He is 33 and, though he has been replaced a lot towards the end of matches recently, probably still has at least one more season in him.

Classified Results

Note that World Cup finals details include the official attendances.

JUNE 18

AZTECA — WCF, 2nd round
England 3 (Lineker 31, 72, Beardsley 55)
Paraguay 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 98,728. **Ref:** Al-Sharif (Syr)

England: Shilton — G. M. Stevens, Martin, Butcher, Sansom — Steven, Hoddle, Reid, (G. A. Stevens 57), Hodge — Lineker, Beardsley (Hateley 80).

Paraguay: Fernandez — Torales (Guasch 64), Zavala, Delgado, Schettina — Ferreira, Romero, Canete, Nunez — Cabanas, Mendoza.

QUERETARO — WCF, 2nd round
Denmark 1 (J. Olsen 32 pen)
Spain 5 (Butragueno 43, 57, 79, 88 pen, Golcoechea 68 pen)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 38,500. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol)

Denmark: Hogh — M. Olsen — Busk, Andersen (Erikson 60) — J. Olsen (Molby 70), Lerby, Berggren, Bertelsen — Elkjaer, Laudrup.

Spain: Zubizarreta — Tomas, Goicoechea, Galego, Camacho, Julio Alberto — Victor, Caldere, Michel (Francisco 83) — Butragueno, Salinas (Eloy 46).

JUNE 21

GUADALAJARA — WCF, quarter-final
France 1 (Platini 40)
Brazil 1 (Careca 16)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Igna (Rumania)

France: Bats — Amoros, Bossis, Battiston, Tusseau — Tigana, Giresse (Ferreri 84), Platini Fernandez — Stopyra, Rocheteau (Bellone 99)

Brazil: Carlos — Josimar, Julio Cesar, Edinho, Branco, Elzo, Alemao, Socrates, Junior (Silas 91), Muller (Zico 71), Careca.

France win 4-3 on penalties
Stopyra (Fr) 0-1, Alemao (Br) 1-1, Amoros (Fr) 1-2, Zico (Br) 2-2, Bellone (Fr) 2-3, Branco (Br) 3-3, Platini (Fr) missed 3-3, Julio Cesar (Br) hit post 3-3, Fernandez (Fr) 3-4.

MONTERREY — WCF, quarter-final
West Germany 0
Mexico 0
(West Germany won 4-1 on penalties)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 41,700. **Ref:** Diaz Palacio (Col)

West Germany: Schumacher — Jakobs, Eder (Littbarski 115), Berthold, Forster, Briegel — Matthaus, Magath, Brehme — Rummenigge (Hoeness 58), Allofs.

Mexico: Larios — Servin, Cruz Barbosa, Quirarte, Amador (Cruz 76) — Munoz, Boy (De los Cobos 32), Espana, Aguirre, Negrete — Sanchez.

Penalty sequence: Allofs (WG) 1-0, Negrete (Mex) 1-1, Brehme (WG) 2-1, Quirarte (Mex) saved 2-1, Matthaus (WG) 3-1, Servin (Mex) saved 3-1, Littbarski (WG) 4-1.

JUNE 22

AZTECA — WCF, quarter-final
Argentina 2 (Maradona 50, 54)
England 1 (Lineker 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 114,580. **Ref:** Ben Nasser (Tun)

Argentina: Pumpido — Ruggeri, Brown, Cuciuffo — Giusti, Batista, Burruchaga (Tapia 75), Enrique, Olarticoechea — Valdeno, Maradona.

England: Shilton — G. M. Stevens, Butcher, Fenwick, Sansom — Steven (Barnes 74), Hoddle, Reid (Waddle 63), Hodge — Lineker, Beardsley.

PUEBLA — WCF, quarter-final
Belgium 1 (Ceulemans 34)
Spain 1 (Senor 84)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Renquin, De Mol, Vervoort — Scifo, Ceulemans, Grun, Vercauteren (L. Van der Elst 105) — Veyt (Broos 83), Claesen.

Spain: Zubizarreta — Tomas (Senor 46), Gallego, Camacho, Chendo — Victor, Caldere, Michel Julio Alberto — Salinas (Eloy 63), Butragueno.

Belgium won 5-4 on penalties:
Penalties: Senor (Sp) 1-0, Claesen (Bel) 1-1; Eloy (Sp) saved, Scifo (Bel) 1-2; Chendo (Sp) 2-2, Broos (Bel) 2-3; Butragueno (Sp) 3-3, Vervoort (Bel) 3-4; Victor (Sp) 4-4; L. Van der Elst (Bel) 4-5.

JUNE 25

GUADALAJARA — WCF, semi-final
West Germany 2 (Brehme 9, Voller 90)
France 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (Italy)

West Germany: Schumacher — Jakobs, Brehme, Foerster, Briegel — Eder, Matthaus, Magath, Rolff — Rummenigge (Voller 56), Allofs.

France: Bats — Ayache, Bossis, Battiston, Amoros — Fernandez, Giresse (Vercruysse 72), Tigana, Platini — Bellone (Xuereb 66), Stopyra.

AZTECA — WCF, semi-final
Argentina 2 (Maradona 51 and 63)
Belgium 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 114,500. **Ref:** Marquez (Mex)

Argentina: Pumpido — Ruggeri, Brown, Cuciuffo — Giusti, Enrique, Batista, Burruchaga (Bochini 84), Olarticoechea — Valdano, Maradona.

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Renquin (Desmet 66), De Mol, Vervoot — Scifo, Veyt, Broos, Ceulemans, Vercauteren — Claesen.

JUNE 28

PUEBLA — WCF, Third Place
France 4 (Ferreri 26, Papin 42, Genghini 103, Amoros 108)
Belgium 2 (Ceulemans 10, Claesen 72)
HT: 2-1. **90 mins:** 2-2. **Att:** 21,500. **Ref:** Courtney (Eng). After extra time.

France: Rust — Ayache, Battiston, Le Roux (Bossis 53), Amoros — Bibard, Ferreri, Tigana (Tusseau 83), Genghini, Vercruysse — Papin, Bellone.

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Renquin (F. Van der Elst 46), De Mol, Vervoort — Scifo (L. Van der Elst 64), Grun, Mommens, Ceulemans — Veyt, Claesen.

JUNE 29

AZTECA — WC Final
Argentina 3 (Brown 21, Valdano 55, Burruchaga 84)
West Germany 2 (Rummenigge 73, Voller 81)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 115,000. **Ref:** Arrfpi Filho (Brz)

Argentina: Pumpido — Ruggeri, Brown, Cuciuffo — Giusti, Enrique, Batista, Burruchaga (Trobbiani 90), Olarticoechea — Valdano, Maradona. Subs not used: Islas, Clausen, Garre, Pasculli.

West Germany: Schumacher — Brehme, Jakobs, K. Forster — Berthold, Matthaus, Magath (Hoeness 61), Eder, Briegel — K-H. Rummenigge, Allofs (Voller 46). Subs not used: Immel, Littbarski, Rolff.

AUGUST 3

MELBOURNE — friendly
Australia 1 (Arnold 93)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Novak 55)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Bambridge (A).

Australia: Olver — Yankos — Postecoglou, Dunn (Kalantzis 46), Ratcliffe, Jennings — Odzakov, Murphy (Wade 32), Raskopoulos — Kosmina, Soper (Arnold 61).

Czechoslovakia: Miklosko — Levy, Fiala, Novak, Rada — Hasek, Kocian, Kula — Siva (Knoflicek 68), Kubik (Griga 71), Luhovy.

The first match in a three-game series — the Czechs getting ready for the European championship and the Aussies for the Olympic qualifiers next year. The Czechs had the better of the first half despite a 21-hour flight which meant they arrived just three hours before kick-off. They deservedly opened the scoring with a Novak header to a Kula cross. But as the Czechs tired so the Aussies gained confidence and equalised three minutes into injury time when substitute Arnold fired low and hard through a crowded penalty box and past Miklosko.

AUGUST 6

ADELAIDE — friendly
Australia 0
Czechoslovakia 1 (Griga 50)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2.000. **Ref:** Campdell (A).

Australia: Olver — McDowell, Yankos, Dunn (Hunter 6), Gray — Odzakov, Wade, Arnold, Melta (Raskopoulos 57) — Maxwell (Farina 73), Kosmina.

Czechoslovakia: Kostelnik — Levy, Chovanec, Straka, Fiala — Hasek (Ondra 46), Kula (Siva 82), Kriz — Griga, Kubik, Luhovy.

Socceroo boss Frank Arok made six changes but though the Aussies played with more organisation their lack of skill was again exposed by the Czechs, for whom Kula, Griga and Kubik were outstanding. Only Odzakov, Yankos and Maxwell made much impression for the hosts and it was a shock for the crowd when Maxwell was substituted towards the end when Kosmina was much more clearly in need of a break. Arok argued later that Kosmina was the captain.

If that was the reason he stayed on the pitch then Australia perhaps need a new captain. As in the first game the Czechs scored early in the second half. Kula crossed and Griga beat two defenders before shooting past Olver. Czech coach Josef Masopust complained later: "This was only a friendly. There was no need for Australia to be so rough."

HELSINKI — friendly
Finland 1 (Lipponen 61 pen)
Sweden 3 (Prytz 22, 36 pen, Ekstrom 31)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 7,040. **Ref:** Halle (Nor).

Finland: Huttunen — Pekonen — Turunen, Nieminen, Ikalainen, Granskog (Europaeus 46) — Petaja (Valvee 72), Tauriainen, Hjelm — Lipponen, Rantanen (Huotsonen 46).

Sweden: Ravelli — Fredriksson, Hysen, P. Larsson, Persson — Eriksson, Engqvist, Prytz, Palmer (Holmqvist 86) — Ekstrom (Hellstrom 62), Magnusson.

Two goals from midfielder Robert Prytz provided new Swedish manager Olle Nordin with his first victory since he took over at the start of the year. The Finns were able to line up only one of their foreign-based professionals, Twente Enschede's Mika Lipponen.

AUGUST 10

SYDNEY — friendly
Australia 0
Czechoslovakia 3 (Kula 23, Kubik 53pen, 85)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,150. **Ref:** Lorenz (A)

Australia: Olver — Watson (Postecoglou 5, McDowell 46), Yankos, Dunn, Jennings — Wade (Gray 21), Arnold, Odzakov (Farina 68) — Soper, Kosmina, Kalantzis.

Czechoslovakia: Miklosko — Fiala, Straka, Ondra, Rada — Chovanec, Griga (Kocian 76), Kriz (Luhovy 71) — Knoflicek, Kula, Kubik.

The Czechs dominated from start to finish with only Odzakov and Kalantzis showing much spirit from the Socceroos. Only a fine display by Jeff Olver in goal kept the score down. Kula opened the Czech account from a Knoflicek cross and Kubik added the second from the penalty spot then converted a pass from Kula for number three.

For the Socceroos this defeat emphasised that the foreign-based players (such as Patikas of AEK Athens, Krncevic of Anderlecht and Oscar Crino of Anorthosis in Cyprus) must be recalled when competition time comes around.

AUGUST 19

LAUSANNE — friendly
Switzerland 2 (Hermann 72, Sutter 75)
France 0

HT: 0-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Tritschler (WG)

Switzerland: Zurbuchen — Wittwer, Bamert, Weber, Ryf — Gilli (Bregy 76), Maissen, Hermann, Bickel (Schällibaum 65) — Halter (Zufi 46), Sutter.

France: Bats — Thouvenel, B. Boli (Papin 80), Battiston, Amoros (Domergue 68) — Ferreri, Poullain, Bijotat, Vercruysse — Stopyra, Buscher (Bellone 68).

Despite the absence of the Grasshoppers stars, involved in their club's own centenary tournament, the Swiss were deserved winners against an experimental French side. France boss Henri Michel began the post World Cup rebuilding campaign without skipper Platini (resting an injury in preparation for the new Italian term with Juventus). Tigana (who asked not to be considered) as well as Giresse, Bossis and Rocheteau (all of whom having retired from the national team). It was not until the last 18 minutes that Switzerland took advantage of their more positive play. Then Sutter provided the free kick from which skipper Hermann headed the first goal, and scored the second himself three minutes later with a superb right-foot shot after Domergue had failed to control a cross from Wittwer. France could have pulled one back. In the 80th minute Battiston sent Boli clear but after Bamert brought him down, Stopyra fired the penalty over the bar.

AUGUST 20

OSLO — friendly
Norway 2 (Oekland 58, 65)
Rumania 2 (Osvold og 25, Hagi 35)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 3,136. **Ref:** Galler (Swz)

Norway: By Rise — Hugo Hansen (Einer Aas 46), Sollied, Ahlsen, Mordt — Skogheim (Brandhaug 76), Osvold, Soler, Oekland, Sunby, Egil Johansen (Seland 46).

Rumania: Moraru (Lung 46) — Rednic, Belodedici, Bumbescu (Al Nicolae 46), Ungureanu — Mateut, Klein, Boloni — Piturca (Lacatus 46), Hagi, Camataru (Damaschin 62).

Ladislau Boloni was making his 91st appearance for Rumania, a national record in a match the east Europeans allowed to escape from them. Rumania went ahead in the 25th minute when Osvold deflected a Camataru effort past Ole By Rise. Then Hagi made it 2-0 with a fierce drive from 25 yards. But in the second half Norwegian skipper Oekland repaired the damage — first by converting a corner from Soler, then after latching on to a cross from Sundby. Rumania might yet have regained the lead just before the end but both Mateut and Hagi wasted good chances in the last five minutes.

GOTHENBURG — friendly
Sweden 0
Soviet Union 0
Att: 13,043. **Ref:** Damgard (Den)

Sweden: Ravelli — R. Nilsson, Hysen, P. Larsson, Fredriksson — Eriksson, Prytoz, Stromberg (Persson 82), Palmer — Magnusson, Ekstrom (Hellstrom 82).

Soviet Union: Chanov — Larionov, Chivadze, Kuzuetsov, Demianenko — Yaremchuk (Yacovenko 67), Khidiatulin, Rats (Blokhin 74), Aleinikov (Rodionov 46) — Zavarov, Belanov.

Sweden were without Italian-based striker Corneliusson while the Soviets missed goalkeeper Dassayev. But in a game where midfields dominated, those absences had little influence on the outcome. Sweden might have won, even so. They had the best of what half-chances there were in a disappointing game. Palmer, son of a former Swedish international, was the worst culprit — firing hastily over the bar from close range when presented with the clearest of openings.

LAHTI — friendly
Finland 1 (Hjelm 61)
East Germany 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,325. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe)

Finland: Laukkanen — Ukkonen — Pekkonen, Ikalainen, Petaja, Europaeus — Turunen, Tornvall (Virtanen 88), Hyelm — Tauriainen (Valvee 83), Rantanen.

East Germany: Müller — Rohde — Kreer, Sanger, Doschner, Zötzsche — Pilz, Minge (Baum 80), Liebers — Kirsten, Doll (Glowatzky 67).

New East German boss Bernd Stange admitted after the game that with the European championship fast approaching his team still looked well short of confidence and organisation. The departures of veterans such as Streich and Dörner had left large gaps though the attack might look better when Thom and Ernst were fit. The best of the Germans was new Footballer of the Year Rene Müller in goal whose alert reflexes saved them from conceding anything more than Hjelm's 61st minute goal, laid on by Rantanen.

AUGUST 27

INNSBRUCK — friendly
Austria 1 (Polster 8)
Switzerland 1 (Bickel 50)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,030. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel)

Austria: Lindenberger — Weber — Brauneder, Messlender — Lainer, Linzmaier, Kienast, Gretschnig (Willfurth 61), Degeorgi — Polster, Schachner (Pacult 61).

Switzerland: Brunner — Botteron, Weber, Egli, Ryf — Mottiez (Bregy 80), Bickel, Hermann, Maissen — Sutter (Zuffi 71), Halter.

Former Swiss national team goalkeeper Erich Burgener was full of praise for the way Daniel Jeandupeux's young side earned this draw in Innsbruck. "They look as if they've been playing together for ten years," he said after a match which appeared to confirm the potential evident in the victory over France. The Swiss were caught waiting for an offside whistle when Polster put Austria into an early lead. But the Austrians were found badly wanting at the back themselves when Bickel wrong-footed goalkeeper Lindenberger for the equaliser.

SEPTEMBER 9

OSLO — friendly
Norway 0
Hungary 0
Att: 2,917. **Ref:** Geurds (Hol)

Norway: Thorstvedt — Fjaelberg, Giske, Kojedal, Soler — Berg, Sundby (Ahlsen 64), Osvold, Mordt (Johansen 77) — Oekland, Andersen (Seland 46).

Hungary: Szendrei — Sallai, Roth, Garaba, Keller — Hannich (Kozma 57), Fitos, Balog, Vincze (Preszeller 72) — Meszaros (Szekeres 57), hajszan (Kvaszta 88).

Norway spent most of the time on the attack, "winning" 6-2 on corners but were never able to find a path round goalkeeper Szendrei, who was the best of the Hungarians. New Magyar boss Imre Komora had hoped to include veteran Tibor Nyilasi, fit again after the back injury which kept him out of the World Cup. But Nyilasi had to pull out yet again after being hurt in an Austrian league match while playing for his Viennese club, FK Austria.

SEPTEMBER 10

BRUSSELS (Heysel) — Euro gp 7
Belgium 2 (Claesen 14, Scifo 71)
Rep. Ireland 2 (Stapleton 18, Brady 89pen)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,212. **Ref:** Igna (Rum)

Belgium: Pfaff — Grun, Franky, Van der Elst, Clysters, Vervoort, Vercauteren, Demol, Scifo, Claesen, Desmet, Ceulemans.

Rep. Ireland: Bonner — Langan, Hughton (Beglin 82), Lawrenson, Moran, Brady, Houghton, McGrath, Stapleton, Aldridge, Galvin (Whelan 80).

The first competitive international occasion since the Heysel disaster drew around 1,000 police. But happily the only "trouble" was caused on the pitch for the Belgian defence just before the end. Despite dominating much of the game, the Belgians — who finished fourth in the World Cup in Mexico — had to be content with a share of the points after conceding the equaliser to a late penalty. Belgium went ahead after 14 minutes through Claesen after Bonner had failed to hold a Vercauteren corner. But four minutes later Ireland manager Jackie Charlton saw his team score their first goal under his leadership: Aldridge beat the out-of-form Franky Van der Elst and Galvin swung in a left-wing cross for Stapleton to head beyond Pfaff's right hand. Aldridge might have scored himself four minutes before the interval but just failed to reach a Brady cross. Scifo and Desmet had wasted first-half chances for Belgium but Scifo gained his reward in the 71st minute with the powerful, curling header to another Vercauteren corner which restored Belgium's lead. Scifo and Galvin were also booked before the Irish equalised in the last minute: Stapleton broke clear of the Belgian defence and was bowled over by the onrushing Pfaff as he entered the penalty area. Brady converted the kick.

"To be within 40 seconds of victory is hard to take," said Belgian manager Guy Thys; Charlton said: "It's a great result after we battled all the way. We didn't deserve to lose."

PRAGUE — friendly
Czechoslovakia 1 (Knoflicek 40)
Holland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG).

Czechoslovakia: Miklosko — Levy, Straka, Fiala, Hasek, Kubik (Rada 87), Cabala (Ondra 46), Chovanec, Griga (Scuhravy 46), Kula, Knoflicek.

Holland: Van Breukelen — Blind (Silooy 46), Van Tiggelen, R. Koeman, Rijkaard, Wouters, Van't Schip, Gullit, Van Basten, Kieft (Suvrijn 46), E. Koeman.

The Czechs began this match celebrating the 85th anniversary of their federation . . . and ended it celebrating victory thanks to a 40th-minute goal from Slavia forward Knoflicek, given the chance to burst through the sleepy Dutch defence by a pass from midfielder Chovanec, the Czech's star player.

LEIPZIG — friendly
East Germany 0
Denmark 1 (Eriksen 24)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Hartmann (Hun).

E. Germany: Müller (Weissflog 46) — Kreer, Rohde, Sanger, Doschner, Pilz, Liebers (Doll 77), Stübner, Mingè (Pastor 46), Kirsten, Thom.

Denmark: Rasmussen — Sivebaek, M. Olsen (Berggren 46), Busk, K. Nielsen, Lerby, Bertelsen, J. Olsen, Andersen, Eriksen, Laudrup (Lunde 46).

Denmark, playing their usual all-action match, allowed few chances to the East Germans who thus suffered their sixth successive defeat. Not that Denmark manager Sepp Piontek was satisfied. He said: "Our performance should not be compared with the way we played in Mexico. Tonight we were without several regular players while others had permission from their clubs to play only half the match." There was good news for Manchester United: Eriksen scored the winning goal on a pass from United's John Sivebaek while Jesper Olsen was man of the match.

HELSINKI — Euro gp 6
Finland 1 (Hjelm 11)
Wales 1 (Slatter 68)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9 940. **Ref:** Losert (Aus)

Finland: Laukkanen — Pekonen, Ukkonen, Ikalainen, Europaeus, Petaja, Tauriainen, Tornvall, Hjelm, Lipponen (Valvee 76), Rantanen.

Wales: Thomas — Jackett, ratcliffe, Charles, R. James, Nicholas, Blackmore (Lowndes 81), Aizlewood, Williams (Slatter 52), Rush, Saunders.

A deserved equaliser by substitute Slater earned below-strength Wales a point in Helsinki. In the absence of Southall, Van den Hauwe and Phillips as well as suspended striker Hughes, they had got off to a poor start when Ratcliffe wastefully conceded a corner and Hjelm headed in Ukkonen's kick. New Wales goalkeeper Thomas then saved well from a Tornvall free kick and from Lipponen — who once had trials in England — before Wales pulled level. Oxford's Slatter, who had substituted for his one-time Bristol Rovers colleague Williams, was the scorer. A shot by Rush was deflected for a corner on the left. Blackmore took the kick and when Lipponen mistimed an attempt to head away, Slatter shot home despite Pekonen's clearance attempt on the goal-line. Wales might even have won, but with eight minutes to go Laukkanen made a fine save from a 20-yard drive by James.

REYKJAVIK — Euro gp 3
Iceland 0
France 0
Att: 13,700. **Ref:** Ferguson (Scot).

Iceland: Sigurdsson — Saevar Jonsson, Gislasson, A. Edvaldsson, Am. Jonsson — Torfas-

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son, Siggi Jonsson, Margeirsson, Sigurvinsson — Gudjohnsson, Petursson.

France: Bats — Ayache, Boli, Battiston, Amoros — Fernandez, Tigana, Vercruysse, Genghini — Stopyra, Paille.

European champions France again badly missed the retired Bossis, Giresse and Rocheteau as well as rested skipper Platini. France created the first chance in the 14th minute when Genghini was close after good work by newcomer Paille.

But two minutes later they were lucky when a fierce drive by Gudjohnsson was deflected for a corner and then when Saevar Jonsson's shot was narrowly wide. The second half provided more chances but also more physical football, with Scottish referee Alan Ferguson booking Amoros, Ayache and Vercruysse of France and Petursson of Iceland. Petursson and Gudjohnsson — past and present Anderlecht players — were Iceland's top men and Sigurvinsson brought a sharp save from Bats in the 51st minute. But, generally, France were much busier in attack. Stopyra was just wide with a 63rd-minute header and then Fernancez forced a fine save from Sigurdsson, Genghini and Stopyra wasted other half-chances. But the worst blunder fell to Vercruysse — Platini's stand-in — right at the end. A header down by Stoppra left the ball, and an open goal, at his mercy. But, inside the six-yard box, he lost both control and the champions' last chance.

BUCHAREST — Euro gp 1
Rumania 4 (Iovan 44, 63, Lacatus 61, Hagi 89)
Austria 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Biguet (F)

Rumania: Moraru — Iovan, Belodedici, Bumbescu, rednic — Hagi, Mateut (Balaci 73), Bölöni, Klein — Camateru, Piturca (Lacatus 46).

Austria: Lindenberger — Weber — Messlender, Brauneder (Pacult 65) — Lainer, Kienast (J. Werner 46), Baumeister, Türmer, Degeorgi — Schachner, Polster.

Rumania included eight members of Steaua Bucharest's Champions' Cup-winning team and had far too much cohesion and understanding for an Austrian defence which badly missed injured sweeper pezzey and was further handicapped by the mistakes of keeper Lindenberger. Rumania went ahead just before half-time when Lindenberger misjudged a Bölöni corner and Iovan scored from close range. Bölöni was again the creator when substitute Lacatus put Rumania further ahead in the 61st minute. Iovan made it 3-0 from a free kick two minutes later after Lindenberger had rushed beyond his penalty box to pull down Camataru. Lacatus turned creator in the last minute with a run and cross which gave Hagi the chance to avenge two earlier goal attempts which had been foiled thanks to good saves by the erratic Lindenberger.

GLASGOW (Hampden) — Euro gp 7
Scotland 0
Bulgaria 0
Att: 35,070. **Ref:** Fredriksson (swe)

Scotland: Leighton — Gough, Malpas, McStay, Narey, Miller, Cooper, Aitken, Johnston, Strachen, Nicholas (Dalglish 53).

Bulgaria: Mikhailov — Nikolov, G. Dimitrov, P. Petrov, Iliev, Simeonov (Karashev 80), Kolev, Sadkov, Alexandrov (Tanev 89), Sirakov, Voinov.

Scotland's new manager Andy Roxburgh admitted: "We were disappointing, our passing was not up to standard and we gave the ball away too much," after a poor match between two teams with a lot of World Cup disappointment to put behind them. McStay wasted the best Scotland chance in the second half after a fine run by Cooper and Alexandrov and Sirakov wasted three excellent first-half chances for Bulgaria. The East Europeans were also under new management — Hristo Mladenov having succeeded World Cup boss Ivan Vutzov.

STOCKHOLM — friendly
Sweden 1 (Ekström 50)
England 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,646. **Ref:** Fockler (WG)

Sweden: Möller — R. Nilsson, Hysen (T. Persson 71), P. Larsson, Fredriksson — Eriksson, Prytz, Strömberg, Palmer — Ekström, B. Nilsson.

England: Shilton — Anderson, Martin, Butcher, Sansom — Steven, Hoddle, Wilkins, Hodge 8 Dixon, J. Barnes (Cottee 65).

Match-winner Ekström travelled the following day to Italy to agree terms for a November transfer to newly-promoted Empoli. He went celebrating all the way. His 50th-minute goal, after Björn Nilsson had glanced on a Fredriksson through ball, won the match for Sweden against disappointing England. Both teams were below strength through the absence of assorted exiles and injury victims. But Sweden always looked the better side and deserved victory. England might have snatched a draw through full-back Anderson, their best player. But one effort hit the bar and another was cleared off the goal-line. Both following Hoddle corners.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1 (Spain, Rumania, Austria, Albania) — Sep 9 (Ploiesti): Rumania 1 (Mihali 34), Austria 0.

Group 2 (Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy).

Group 3 (France, Sov. Union, E. Germany, Norway).

Group 4 (England, Yugoslavia, Turkey).

Group 5 (Hungary, Poland, Greece, Cyprus).

Group 6 (Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Iceland) — Sep 3 (Kemi): Finland 2 (Vuorela 61, Alatensio 89 pen), Iceland 0.

Group 7 (Belgium, Rep. Ireland, Scotland) — Sep 9: Belgium 0, Rep. Ireland 0.

Group 8 (West Germany, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Holland).

OTHER MATCHES

Aug 2 (Lindabrunn, Aus): Admira Wacker 0, East Germany 3 (Kirsten 2, Doll).

Aug 4 (Hobart): Australia Yth 3 (van Blerk 24, Ollerenshaw 86, Hristodoulou 90), Czechoslovakia Yth 0.

Aug 5 (Stara Zagora): Beroe Stara Zagora 3 (Dragolov 3, Kashmerov 6, 30), Bulgaria 3 (Gospodinov 27, Petrov 70 pen, 81). Bulgaria 5-1 on pens.

Aug 6 (Brisbane): Australia Yth 6 (Hristodoulou, Polak 2, Margolius og, Markovski, Schute), Czechoslovakia Yth 1 (Halas).

Aug 8 (Newcastle, NSW): Australia Yth 0, Czechoslovakia Yth 4 (Halas 2, Hasek, Trval).

Aug 20 (Trondheim): Norway Ol. 2 (Sorleth 30, Markusson 70), Rumania Ol. 2 (Bicu 83, Majaru 85).

Aug 21 (Belgrade): Yugoslavia 7 (Skoro 17, 74, Stojakovic 40, Juric 47, 60, 88, Jankovic 78 pen), Yugoslavia B 2 (Durovski 22, Bracun 84). — (Belgrade): Yugloslavia Ol. 7 (Jakovljevic 5, 8, Vukicevic 17, Tuce 40, Karacic 47, Bozovic 53, Janovic 83), Yugoslavia Yth 1 (Mitrovic 72).

Aug 23 (Vasteras): Sweden Ol. 0, Sov. Union Ol. 2 (Savichev 20, Mihailichenko 27).

Aug 26 (Bludenz): Austria U21 1 (Novak 20), Switzerland U21 1 (de Siebenthal 18).

Aug 27 (Hoyerswerda): E. Germany Ol. 1 (Pastor 60 pen), Poland Ol. 1 (Iwanicki 12). — (Pleven): Bulgaria 3 (Sirakov 2, Sadkov), Sredets Sofia 2. — (Altenburg): E. Germany U21 3 (Wuckel 66, 72, Abel 85), Finland U21 0.

Sep 4 (Pleven): Bulgaria 3 (Kolev 15, Alexandrov 45, Sirakov 81), Rumania Ol. 2 (Vaiscovici 54, Rada 87).

Sep 10 (Reims): France U21 4 (Cantona 6, Sauzee 42, Cubaynes 55, 75 pen), Hungary U21 1 (E. Kovacs 33). — (Ibrox, Glasgow): Scotland U21 1 (Gallacher 79), W. Germany U21 0. — (St Mirren): Scotland U19 2 (McLeod 8, May 52), W. Germany U19 3 (Bierhoff 5, Prus 60, Möller 69).

INTERNATIONAL CLUB TOURNAMENTS
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CUP (Inter-Toto)

Final group placings (and points). — Gp 1: Fortuna Düsseldorf 8, MTK Budapest 7; FC Liege 5, NEC Nijmegen 4. **Gp 2:** Union Berlin 9, Bayer Uerdingen 8; Lausanne 5, Standard Liege 2. **Gp 3:** Malmo 7, Videoton 6; Gornik Zabrze 6, Rosenborg 5. **Gp 4:** Rot-Weiss Erfurt 9, Kalmar 8; Vitosha Sofia 6, Lillestrom 1. **Gp 5:** Sigma Olomouc 7, Hannover 6; Legia 6, Young Boys Bern 5. **Gp 6:** Ujpest Dozsa 10, Aarhus 6; Grasshoppers 5, Admira Wacker Vienna 3. **Gp 7:** Brondby 10, Widzew Lodz 9; Magdeburg 3, St Gallen 2. **Gp 8:** Lyngby 12, Maccabi Haifa 6; Hapoel Tel-Aviv 4, Grazer AK 2. **Gp 9:** Lech Poznan 8, Linzer ASK 7; Odense BK 6, Siofok 3. **Gp 10:** IFK Gothenburg 8, Vitkovice 7; Sredets 6, FC Zurich 3. **Gp 11:** Slavia Praha 10, Sturm Graz 7; Luzern 5, Ferencvaros 2. **Gp 12:** Carl Zeiss Jena 9, Orgryte 8; Red Star Cheb 5, Saarbrücken 2.

SPANISH PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

Teresa Herrera (La Coruna): Real Madrid 1, At. Madrid 3; Santos 1, Sao Paulo 0. **3rd pl:** Sao Paulo 1, Real Madrid 1 (4-2 pens). **Final:** At. Madrid 1, Santos 0.

Costa Verde (Oviedo): Final: Gijon 2, Oviedo 1.

Palma: Final: Barcelona 2, Mallorca 1.

Malaga: Betis 0, Man. City 0 (5-3 pens); Real Sociedad 1, Malaga 0. **3rd pl:** Malaga 0, Man. City 3. **Final:** Betis 2, Real Sociedad 1.

Teide (Tenerife): Final: Tenerife 2, Belenenses 1.

Alicante: Final: Cruzeiro 4, Hercules 1.

Gamper (Barcelona): Barcelona 3, Milan 1; PSV Eindhoven 1, Tottenham 1 (5-4 pens). **3rd pl:** Tottenham 2, Milan 1. **Final:** Barcelona 1, PSV Eindhoven 0.

Colombino: Man. City 1, Barcelona 1 (4-3 pens); Huelva 2, Sevilla 1. **3rd pl:** Barcelona 4, Sevilla 1. **Final:** Huelva 2, Man. City 2 (4-2 pens).

Carranza (Cadiz): Betis 2, Sporting Lisbon 0; Cadiz 4, Botafogo 0. **3rd pl:** Botafogo 1, Sporting 1. **Final:** Cadiz 1, Betis 1 (4-3 pens).

Gijon: Final: Gijon 2, Flamengo 1.

Santiago Bernabeu (Madrid): Real Madrid 4, Steaua Bucharest 0; Kiev Dynamo 1, Anderlecht 0. **3rd pl:** Steaua 2, Anderlecht 2 (6-5 pens). **Final:** Kiev 3, Real Madrid 2.

OTHER CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Mönchengladbach: Werder Bremen 4, Hamburg 0; Borussia Mg 2, Bayern Munic 5. **3rd pl:** Borussia Mg 2, Hamburg 0. **Final:** Bayern 2, Werder 2 (4-3 pens).

Paris: Paris SG 1, Steaua 1 (5-3 pens); Sporting Lisbon 1, Saint-Etienne 1 (4-1 pens). **3rd pl:** Saint-Etienne 3, Steaua 0. **Final:** Paris SG 5, Sporting 1.

Rotterdam: Feyenoord 3, Santos 1; Werder Bremen 0, Everton 0 (7-6 pens). **3rd pl:** Everton 2, Santos 1. **Final:** Werder Bremen 3, Feyenoord 1.

Philips tmt (Bern): Young Boys 2, Gremio 1; Switzerland 2, PSV Eindhoven 1. **3rd pl:** Gremio 1, PSV 1 (4-1 pens). **Final:** Young Boys 2, Switzerland 1.

Dortmund: 3rd pl: Santos 3, PAOK 1. **Final:** Galatasaray 3, Bor. Dortmund 0.

Peking: Final: Legia Warsaw 2, China 0.

Lisbon (mini-league): Benfica 3, Brugge 0; Sporting 2, Brugge 0; Benfica 2, Sporting 0. **Winners:** Benfica.

Eindhoven: Anderlecht 1, Gremio 3; Borussia Mg 2, PSV 2 (5-4 pens). **3rd pl:** Anderlecht 2, PSV 1. **Final:** Gremio 2, Borussia Mg 1.

Groningen: 3rd Pl: Dresden 1, Groningen 1 (4-2 pens). **Final:** West Ham 3, Mechelen 1.

Amsterdam: 3rd pl: Ajax 1, Man. Utd 0. **Final:** Kiev 6, Botafogo 0.

Eger, Hungary: Final: Magdenburg 2, Ferencvaros 0.

Sliven, Bulgaria: Final: Carl Zeiss Jena 3, Dimitrovgrad 1.

Columbus tmt (Genoa): Genoa 1, Sampdoria 1 (7-6 pens); Milan 1, Argentinos Juniors 1 (5-4 pens). **3rd pl:** Sampdoria 1, Argentinos Juniors j0. **Final:** Genoa 1, Milan 1 (5-4 pens).

Liege: Standard 2, Sportul Bucharest 1; Feyenoord 6, Charleroi 0. **3rd pl:** Sportul 4, Charleroi 1. **Final:** Standard 2, Feyenoord 2 (5-4 pens).

Brugge: Spartak Moscow 3, Sporting Lisbon 1; Brugge 1, Espanol 1 (4-1 pens). **3rd pl:** Sporting 1, Espanol 0. **Final:** Spartak Moscow 2, Brugge 1.

Zurich: 3rd pl: Bayern Munich 1, Fluminense 0. **Final:** Grasshoppers Zurich 3, Roma 1.

Casablanca: Final: Standard Liege 2, Gremio 0.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Libertadores Cup)

GROUP 1 — JULY 9
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (1) 1 (Graciani pen)
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (1) 1 (Alfaro)
Ref: Juan Carlos Lostau (Argentina)

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Abramovich, Higuain, Pasucci, Hrabina, Melgar, Olarticoechea (Kra-

sousky), Stafuza, Dykstra (Comas), Graciani, Torres.

River Plate: Pumpido, Gordillo, Borelli, Ruggeri, Montenegro, Enrique, Gallego, Alonso, Amuchastegui (Centurion), Morresi (Hernandez), Alfaro.

PEÑAROL (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Aguierre)
WANDERERS (Uruguay) (1) 3 (Baez, Pelleti, Pino)
Att: 28,000. **Ref:** Luis Da Rosa (Uruguay)

Peñarol: Alvez, Dominguez, Russo, Herrera, Rabino, Acosta (Viera), Perdomo, Trasante (Da Silva), Walkir Silva, Morena, Aguirre.

Wanderers: Celso Otero, Diaz, Rebollo, De la Madrid, Delgado, Peña, Zeladian, Gonzalez, Pelleti (Pino), Baez, Bengoechea.

JULY 16

WANDERERS (Uruguay) 0
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (0) 2 (Alzamendi 2)
Att: 7,000. **Ref:** Lucio Gonzalez (Paraguay)

Wanderers: Celso Otero, Diaz, Rebollo, Madrid, Delgado, Peña, Zeladian (Favaro), Gonzalez (Pino), Pelleti, Baez, Bengoechea.

River Plate: Pumpido, Gordillo, Borelli, Ruggeri, Montenegro, Gallego, Enrique, Alonso (Saralegui), Alzamendi, Morresi (Centurion), Alfaro.

JULY 17

PEÑAROL (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Morena)
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (1) 2 (Tapia pen, Graciani)
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Juan Escobar (Paraguay)

Peñarol: Alvez, Dominguez, Russo, Herrera, Rabino, Acosta (Viera), Trasante (Rodriguez), Da Silva, Vidal, Morena, Aguirre.

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Abramovich, Higuain, Pasucci, Hrabina, Melgar, Stafuza, Olaarticoechea, Tapia (Krasouski), Graciani, Torres (Sanchez).

JULY 23

WANDERERS (Uruguay) (1) 2 (Bengoechea, Baez)
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) 0
Att: 4,000. **Ref:** Arnaldo Coelho (Brazil)

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Abramovich, Higuain, Sanchez, Bordet, Stafunza, Krasouski, Melgar, Graciani, Comas (Rinaldi), Torres.

Wanderers: Otero, Gonzalez, Rebollo, Madrid (Rodriguez), Delgado, Diaz (Berger), Yeladian, Peña, Peletti, Baez, Bengoechea.

JULY 24

PEÑAROL (Uruguay) 0
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (0) 2 (Centurion 2)
Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Jose Wright (Brazil)

Peñarol: Alvez, Dominguez, Russo, Herrera, Rabino, Da Silva, Trasante (Viera), Acosta, Vidal, Morena, Aguirre.

River Plate: Pumpido, Gordillo, Borelli, Ruggeri, Montenegro, Enrique, Gallego, Alonso (Saralegui), Alzamendi, Morresi (Centurion), Alfaro.

JULY 29

WANDERERS (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Bengoechea)
PEÑAROL (Uruguay) 0
Att: 1,000. **Ref:** Juan Cardellino (Uruguay)

Wanderers: Otero, Gonzalez, Rebollo, Madrid, Delgado, Diaz (Rodriguez), Yeladian, Peña, Bengoechea, Peletti (Noe), Baez.

Peñarol: Alvez, Dominguez, Russo, Herrera, Rabino, Acosta (Viera), Perdomo, Da Silva, Vidal, Morena, Aguirre.

AUGUST 1

BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (1) 1 (Rinaldi pen)
PEÑAROL (Uruguay) (1) 1 (Vidal)
Ref: Gonzalez Roa (Paraguay)

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Stafuza, Sanchez, Higuain, Hrabina, Melgar, Krasouski, Dykstra (Comas), Graciani, Rinaldi, Torres.

Peñarol: Alvez, Dominguez, Russo, Herrera, Rabino, Da Silva (Acosta), Perdomo, Trasante, Vidal, Morena, Aguirre.

AUGUST 6

RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (2) 3 (Centurion, Enrique, Alonso)
PEÑAROL (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Aguirre)
Att: 22,000. **Ref:** Hernan Silva (Chile)

River Plate: Pumpido, Gordillo, Borelli, Ruggeri, Montenegro, Enrique, Gallego, Alonso, Alzamendi (Navarro), Centurion, Alfaro (Gorosito).

Peñarol: Alvez, Dominguez, Russo, Herrera, Rabino, Da Silva, Perdomo, Trasante, Vidal (Silva), Morena, Aguirre.

AUGUST 7

BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (1) 3 (Graciani, Melgar, Hrabina)
WANDERERS (Uruguay) (1) 2 (Peletti, Noa)
Att: 10,000. **Ref:** Vazquez Sanchez (Chile)

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Abramovich, Higuain, Passucci, Hrabina, Stafuza, Krasouski (Melgar), Tapia, Dykstra (Comas), Graciani, Torres.

Wanderers: Otero, Gonzalez, Rebollo, Madrid, Delgado, Yeladian, Diaz (Pino), Peña (Noe), Bengoechea, Peletti, Baez.

AUGUST 14

RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (2) 4 (Alzamendi, Alonso (2), Centurion)
WANDERERS (Uruguay) (2) 2 (Bengoechea, Peletti)
Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Jorge Antequera (Bolivia)

River Plate: Pumpido, Gordillo, Borelli, Ruggeri, Montenegro, Enrique, Gallego, Alonso, Alzamendi (Morresi), Centurion, Alfaro (Gorosito).

Wanderers: Otero, Gonzalez, Rebollo, Perez, Delgado, Peña, Yeladian (Cuagliata), Diaz (Pino), Bengoechea, Peletti.

AUGUST 20

RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (1) 1 (Alzamendi)
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) 0
Ref: Jorge Romero (Argentina)

River Plate: Pumpido, Gordillo, Borelli, Ruggeri, Montenegro, Enrique (Gorosito), Gallego, Morresi, Alfaro, Alzamendi, Centurion.

Boca Juniors: Genaro, Abramovich, Sanchez, Passucci, Hrabina, Stafuza, Krasouski, Dykstra (R. Maradona), Monroig, Torres, Comas.

Group 1 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate (Argentina)	6	5	1	0	13	4	11
Wanderers (Uruguay)	6	3	0	3	10	10	6
Boca Juniors (Argentina)	6	2	2	2	7	8	6
Peñarol (Uruguay)	6	0	1	5	4	12	1

(River Plate qualifies for semi-final round)

GROUP 3 — MAY 24

UNIVERSIDAD TECNICA CAJAMARCA (Peru) (2) 2 (Ramirez, Moreno)
BOLIVAR (Bolivia) (1) 2 (Lopez, Salinas)
Ref: Jorge Orellana (Ecuador)

Univ. Tec. Cajamarca: C. Ramirez, Caballero, Cruz, Ramirez (Fallaque), Parede, Cervera, Sanchez, Mansilla, Portilla, La Torre, Moreno (Miranda).

Bolivar: Acasuzo, Arias, Ferrufino, Cespedes, Perez, Soria, Borja, Lopez, Abdeneve (Aramayo), Salinas, Hirano.

MAY 25

UNIVERSITARIO (Peru) (0) 1 (Rojas)
WILSTERMAN (Bolivia) (0) 2 (Zarate, Sanchez)
Att: 1,000. **Ref:** Gaston Castro (Chile).

Universitario: Chavez, Rojas, Chirinos, Requeña, Garcia, Reyna, Drago, Cabanilla, Rey Muñoz, Seminario, Hurtado.

Wilsterman: Elizetche, Santibañez, Aragon, Rodriguez, Campos, Zarage, Villarroel, Luna, Almada, Sanchez, Salguero (Rocha).

MAY 28

UNIVERSIDAD TECNICA CAJAMARCA (Peru) (2) 3 (Portilla 2, Soto)
WILSTERMAN (Bolivia) (2) 2 (Almada, Sanchez)
Att: 2,500.

Univ. Tec. Cajamarca: C. Ramirez, Cruz, Paredes, Sanchez, Cervera, Mansilla, Moreno, Portilla, Soto, Marin, Ardiles.

Wilsterman: Elizeche, Santibañez, Zarate, Campos, Rodriguez, Moreno, Villaroel, Almada, Sanchez, Salguero, Luna.

Group 1 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolivar (Bolivia)	6	4	1	1	12	7	9
Wilsterman (Bolivia)	6	3	0	3	10	8	6
Universitario (Peru)	6	3	0	3	9	11	6
Univ. Tec. Cajamarca (Peru)	6	1	1	4	6	11	3

(Bolivar qualifies for semi-final round)

GROUP 4 — JULY 15

BANGU (Brazil) (1) 1 (Marinho)
BARCELONA (Ecuador) (0) 2 (Vasconcellos 2, 1 pen)
Att: 1,860.

Bangu: Gilmar, Velto, Jair, Oliveira, Israel, Tobi, Mario, Marinho, Arturzinho, Vando, Ado.

Barcelona: Morales, Montenegro, Klinger, Quiñonez, Toninho, Vasconcellos, Quinteros, Ordoñez, Lupo, Madruguero.

CURITIBA (Brazil) 0
BARCELONA (Ecuador) 0
Att: 6,300.

Curitiba: Rafael, Dida, Adilcon, Andre, Helcio, Almor, Suca, Tostao, Geraldo, Indio, Marc Aurelio.

Barcelona: Morales, Berleza, Quiñonez, Montanero, Klinger, Toninho, Vascocellos (Izquierdo), Quinteros, Orodñez, Lupo, Madruguero (Vasquez).

JULY 22

BANGU (Brazil) (0) (Marcelo, Nando, Mario)
DEPORTIVO QUITO (Ecuador) (2) 3 (De Lima 3)
Att: 148. **Ref:** Juan Escobar, Paraguay.

Bangu: Nando (Marcio), Velto, Marcio Rossini, Jair, Israel, Arturzinho (Mario), Farjado, Evandro, Marcelo, Macae, Ado.

Deportivo Quito: Delgado, Angulo, Carrera, Galo Ocampo, Alfredo, Aguinaga, Pache, Mendoza, Perez, De Lima, Yejes (Alvarez).

JULY 29

DEPORTIVO QUITO (Ecyador) 0
BARCELONA (Ecuador) 0
Att: 35,000. **Ref:** Elias Jacome, Ecuador.

Deportivo Quito: Delgado, Angulo, Carrera, Ocampo, Encalada, Aguinage, Mendoza, Panchi (Cajas), Perez, De Lima, Yepez (Barreto).

Barcelona: Morales, Perlaza, Quiñonez, Montanero, Klinger, Quinteros, Toninho, Vasquez, Vasconcelos, Quiñonesz, Ordoñez (Madrunero).

JULY 25

CURITIBA (Brazil) (0) 3 (Helcio, Geraldo 2)
DEPORTIVO QUITO (Ecuador) (1) 1 (Perez)
Att: 678. **Ref:** Carlos Alarcon Rios.

Curitiba: Jairo, Evandro, Newmar, Andre Luis, Helcio, Almir, Natinho (Marildo), Martinez (Tostao), Geraldo, Indio, Ademir.

Deportivo Quito: Lara, Angulo, Carrera, Ocampo, Encalada, Panchi, Aguinage (Barreto), Mendoza, Perez, Carlos De Lima, Yepez.

Group 4 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona (Ecuador)	6	2	4	0	7	5	8
Deportivo Quito (Ecuador)	6	2	3	1	12	11	7
Curitiba (Brazil)	5	1	3	1	6	5	5
Bangu (Brazil)	5	0	2	3	6	10	2

(Barcelona qualify for semi-final round — Curitiba v Bangu not played as unimportant.)

GROUP 5 — AUGUST 7

OLIMPIA (Paraguay) (3) 3 (Benitez, Bobadilla, Isasi)
NACIONAL (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Almada)
Ref: Gabriel Gonzalez, Paraguay.

Olimpia: Almeida, Ortiz, Delgado (Peruena), Benitez, Krausemann, Chilavert, Guasch, Miño, Isasi, Pangrazio (Jara Heyn), Bobadilla.

Nacional: Acosta, Amarilla, Farina, Jacquet, Chavez, Alcaraz, Balbuena, Paniagua, Almada, Gonzalez (Gonzalez Cubilla), Vazquez.

AUGUST 13

NACIONAL (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Martinez)
OLIMPIA (Paraguay) (1) 2 (Pangrazio, Bobadilla)
Att: 1,000.

Nacional: Torres, Amarilla, Jacquet, Britos, Delvalle, Acosta, Martinez, Alcaraz, Almada, Khonen (Paniagua), Frutos (Vazquez).

Olimpia: Almeida, Ortiz, Delgado (Peruena), Benitez, Krausemann, Chilavert, Guasch, Miño, isasi, Pangrazio (Jara Heyn), Bobadilla.

Group 5 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olimpia (Paraguay)	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Nacional (Paraguay)	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

(Olimpia qualify for semi-final round)

Semi-final draw — Group 1: River Plate, Argentinao Juniors, Barcelona. Group 2: Olimpia, America, Bolivia.

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1988 OLYMPIC GAMES
(Qualifying tournament)
EUROPE
Preliminary round
Group 1

10. 9.86 Liechtenstein — Switzerland 0-10
Switzerland — Liechtenstein

Group 2
Cyprus — Greece
Greece — Cyprus

Final round

Group A: W. Germany, Poland, Rumania, Denmark, winners group 2. **Group B:** Italy, E. Germany, Portugal, Holland, Iceland. **Group C:** France, Hungary, Spain, Sweden, Rep. Ireland. **Group D:** Norway, Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Winners group 1, Turkey. **Group E:** Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Belgium, Finalnd.

SOUTH AMERICA

Tournament in bolivia to decide two S. American qualifiers for the finals. Entries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Urugay, Venezuela, Peru.

CENTRAL/NORTH AMERICA
Preliminary round
Group A

Bahamas — B. Guyana
Guyana — Bahamas (A/B)
Antigua — Dom. Rep.
Dom. Rep. — Antigua (C/D)
T-Tobago — Suriham
Suriham — T/Tobago (E/F)
Barbados — Jamaica
Jamaica — Barbados (C/H)

Second round
Winners A/B v C/D
C/D v A/B
Winners E/F v G/H
G/H v E/F
Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Group B
First round
Canada v USA
USA v Canada
Bermuda v Mexico
Mexico v Bermuda
Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Group C
First round
El Salvador — Honduras
Honduras — El Salvador
Panama — C. Rica
C. Rica — Panama
Winners qualify for second round, joined by Guatemala

Second round

League between El Salvador or Honduras and Guatemala and Panama or Costa Rica. Winners and runners-up qualify for final round of qualifiers.

Final round

Between winners and runners-up of Groups A, B and C. The winners and runners-up of this final round qualify for Seou.

ASIA
Preliminary round

West Asia — Group 1: Barhrain, Oman, S. Arabia. **Group 2:** Iraq, Jordan, UAE. **Group 3:** Qatar, Syria, Yemen PDR. **Group 4:** Iran, Kuwait, Yemen AR.

East Asia — Group 1: India, Nepal, Pakistan. **Group 2:** Kampuchea, Korea DPR, Malaysia, Thailand. **Group 3:** Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore. **Group 4:** China, Hong Kong, Philippines.

Final round

West Asia group: Winners of all first round groups play-off home and away. Winners qualify for Seoul.

East Asia group: Winners of all first round groups play-off home and away. Winners qualify for Seoul.

Note: Iraq and Iran cannot play home matches on their own territory.

OCEANIA/ISRAEL
Preliminary round

Group 1: Australia, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea. **Group 2:** Fiji, New Zealand, W. Samoa. League systems: Home-away matches to decide group winners. Runners-up play home-away to decide third qualifier for final round.

Final round

Winners of Group 1, of Group 2 plus runners-up as well as Israel. Play-off group organised in one country. Winners qualify for Seoul.

AFRICA
Preliminary round

Rwanda — Malawia
Malawi — Rwanda (1/2)
Swaziland — Mauritius
Mauritius — Swaziland (3/4)
Totswana — Madagascar
Madagascar — Botswana (5/6)

First round

Egypt — Kenya
Kenya — Egypt (7/8)
S. Leone — Tunisia
Tunisia — S. Leone (9/10)
1/2 v Cameroon
Cameroon v 1/2 (11/12)
Ghana — Senegal
Senegal — Ghana (13/14)
Gambia — Morocco
Morocco — Gambia (15/16)
Guinea — Iv. Coast
Iv. Coast — Guinea (17/18)
Sudan — Algeria
Algeria — Sudan (19/20)
Ethiopia — Libya
Libya — Ethiopia (21/22)
5/6 v Zambia
Zambia v 5/6 (23/24)
Uganda — Mozambique
Mozambique — Zambia (25/26)
Liberia — Nigeria
Nigeria — Liberia (27/28)
3/4 v Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe v 3/4 (29/30)

Second round

Home-away ties between winners of first round pairings.

Third round

Integral home-away draw between the six qualified teams. Three teams qualify for Seoul.

ARGENTINA: National A Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Independiente	6	3	2	1	12	6	8
Estudiantes de La Plata	6	2	4	0	6	3	8
Velez Sarsfield	6	2	3	1	9	6	7
Deportivo Español	6	2	3	1	5	2	7
Racing Avellaneda	6	2	3	1	6	4	7
Talleres Cordoba	5	2	3	0	3	1	7
San Lorenzo	6	2	3	1	7	6	7
FC Oeste	6	1	5	0	5	4	7
Instituto Cordoba	6	1	5	0	5	4	7
Platense	6	3	1	2	6	6	7
Rosario Central	6	1	4	1	7	8	6
Gimnasia La Plata	6	2	2	2	4	7	6
River Plate	5	1	3	1	4	4	5
Boca Juniors	6	1	3	2	5	7	5
Union Sta Fe	6	0	5	1	1	3	5
Argentinos Juniors	5	0	4	1	3	4	4
Deportivo Italiano	6	0	4	2	4	6	4
Newell's Old Boys	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Racing Cordoba	6	0	3	3	6	10	3
Temperley	6	0	2	4	2	7	2

Bottom relegation averages (points over last three seasons — two go down): Racing Córdoba 0.92; Platense 0.86; Union 0.85; Temperley 0.79; Dep. Italiano 0.66.

URUGUAY: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Central Español	3	3	0	0	4	0	6
Progreso	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Defensor	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Danubio	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
River Plate	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Rampla Juniors	3	1	1	1	1	1	3
Penarol	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Huracan Buceo	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Cerro	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Wanderers	3	1	0	2	3	3	2
Nacional	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fenix	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Bella Vista	3	0	0	3	0	4	0

Special Tournament "75th Anniversary Physical Education Commission" (penalty shoot-outs to decide draws with two points for winner and three if won in 90 minutes regulation play and ½ bonus point if wins by two or more goals).

Section A	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bella Vista	3	3	0	7	2	9.5
Defensor	3	2	1	6	1	7
Huracan Buceo	3	2	1	3	1	6.5
Rampla Juniors	3	2	1	6	3	5
River Plate	3	0	3	1	8	0
Cerro	3	0	3	2	8	8
Section B						
Central Español	3	3	0	8	6	8
Danubio	3	1	2	9	8	3.5
Wanderers	3	1	2	3	3	3.5
Progreso	2	1	1	5	7	2
Fenix	2	0	2	2	5	0

CHILE: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Deportes Concepción	8	4	3	1	13	8	11
Cobresal	8	2	6	0	4	5	10
Cobreloa	8	3	4	1	9	7	10
Huachipato	8	4	2	2	11	7	10
Colo Colo	8	4	1	3	8	8	9
Universidad de Chile	8	4	1	3	10	8	9
Fernandez Vial	8	2	5	1	8	7	9
Palestino	8	2	5	1	8	9	9
Universidad Catolica	8	4	1	3	10	6	9
Naval	8	2	5	1	10	7	9
Union San Felipe	8	1	6	1	7	5	8
Union Española	8	3	2	3	11	9	8
Deportes Iquique	8	2	4	2	13	13	8
Everton	8	1	4	3	4	8	6
Rangers	8	1	4	3	7	9	6
San Luis	8	1	3	4	6	6	5
Audax Italiano	8	1	3	4	5	12	5
Magallanes	8	1	1	6	6	14	3

COLOMBIA: Professional League
(2nd stage — "Edmer Tamayo" Trophy)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millionarios	11	6	5	0	21	5	17
America	11	6	2	3	16	13	14
Deportivo Cali	11	5	3	3	14	9	13
Bacaramanga	11	5	3	3	17	13	13
Medellin Independiente	11	4	5	2	13	6	13
Quindio	11	4	5	2	8	7	13
Caldas	11	4	4	3	12	13	12
Nacional Medellin	11	2	8	1	10	8	12
Union Magdalena	11	5	2	4	14	17	12
Independiente Santa Fe	11	3	5	3	7	9	11
Junior Barranquilla	11	2	6	3	6	9	10
Pereira	11	1	4	6	5	15	6
Cucuta	11	0	4	7	4	13	4
Tolima	11	1	2	8	6	17	4

PERU: Regional Championships

Leaders — Metropolitan zone: Municipal 14 points; Sporting Cristal, Octavio Espinoza and San Agustin 13; Universitario 11. North zone: Grau 6; Iquitos 2; Hungarito 2. Central zone: Pucalpu and Anda 6; As. Dep. Tarma 4. South zone: Melgar 7; Ugarte 6.

ECUADOR: First Division
(2nd round — after 11 games)

Group 1 — 1) Deportivo Quito 14 points; 2) Filanbanco Guayaquil 14; 3) Barcelona (Guayaquil) 12; 4) Deportivo Cuenca 12; 5) Esmeraldas Petrolero 10; 6) Deportivo Quevedo 10; 7) Universidad Catolica (Quito) 6; 8) Nueve de Octubre (Guayaquil) 6. Group 2 — 1) Tecnico Universitario Ambato 15; 2) Nacional Quito 14; 3) Emelec Guayaquil 13; 4) Liba Dep. Universitaria de Quito 12; 5) Audaz Octubrino (Machala) 12; 6) America Quito 10; 7) Macara Ambato 8; 8) Universidad de Portoviejo 4.

PARAGUAY: First Division
(2nd stage — final standings)

After nine games — 1) Libertad 14 pts; 2) Olimpia 12; 3) Guarani 11; 4) Cerro Porteño 10; 5) Atletico Colegiales and Sport Colombia 9; 7) Sole de America 8; 8) Sportivo Luqueño 7; 9) Nacional 6; 10) San Lorenzo 3.

BOLIVIA: Professional League

Section A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blooming	14	9	4	1	29	6	22
The Strongest	13	5	7	1	19	14	17
Destroyrs	13	5	5	3	19	12	15
San Jose	13	5	4	4	11	17	14
Universitario	15	5	3	7	17	22	13
Ciclon	13	3	4	4	12	12	12
Aurora	14	1	5	8	11	25	7
Chaco	15	2	3	10	15	33	7

Section B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oriente	12	8	3	1	29	10	19
Litoral	12	8	1	3	24	13	17
Real Santa Cruz	11	6	3	2	21	13	15
Jorge Wilsterman	13	6	3	4	22	21	15
Bolivar	11	3	5	3	21	20	11
Bamin	14	1	5	8	10	26	7
Petrolero	11	0	3	8	7	23	2

MEXICO: First Division

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universidad Aut. Guadalajara	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
Monterrey	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Atlante	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Toluca		3	0	3	0	0	3
Necaxa	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Group 2							
Neza	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
Universidad Nuevo Leon	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Guadalajara	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Tampico-Madero	3	1	0	2	6	6	2
Leon	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Group 3							
Universidad de Guadalajara	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
Puebla	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Atlas	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Univ. Auton. Mexico	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Morelia	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Group 4							
Cruz Azul	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
America	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Irapuato	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Atletico Potosino	3	0	2	1	0	3	2
Angeles	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Cobras	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

GUATEMALA: First Division

After three games — 1) Galcasa 6 points; 2) Aurora 5; 3) Coban Imperial, Juventud Retalteca and Izabal4; 6) Comunicaciones, Xelaju and Municipal 3; 9) Suchitepequez 2; 10) Jalapa and Tipografia Nacional 1; 12) Amatitlan 0.

BULGARIA — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beroe Stara Zagora	30	20	4	6	55	36	43
Trakia	30	18	6	6	82	38	41
Slavia	30	16	5	9	63	33	36
Sredets	30	16	2	12	62	37	34
Vitosha	30	14	6	10	55	39	33
Sliven	30	12	8	10	46	48	31
Lokomotiv Plovidiv	30	14	3	13	51	57	31
Spartak Varna	30	11	9	10	31	32	30
Lokomotiv Sofia	30	12	6	12	47	45	29
Etar	30	12	5	13	52	58	29
Akademik	30	11	4	15	39	54	26
Vratza	30	10	5	15	44	60	25
Pirin	30	8	6	16	34	49	21
Spartak Pleven	30	9	4	17	33	63	21
Chernomore	30	9	3	18	47	58	20
Dunav	30	8	4	18	29	63	18

FRANCE — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris St Germain	38	23	10	5	66	33	56
Nantes	38	20	13	5	53	27	53
Bordeaux	38	18	13	7	55	46	49
Lens	38	18	7	13	59	44	43
Metz	38	15	13	10	51	43	43
Toulouse	38	15	12	11	53	34	42
Auxerre	38	16	9	13	45	39	41
Nice	38	14	11	13	39	44	39
Monaco	38	9	19	10	49	42	37
Lille	38	13	10	15	40	49	36
Laval	38	11	13	14	39	47	35
Marseille	38	11	12	15	43	39	34
Rennes	38	12	10	16	36	41	34
Brest	38	13	8	17	53	63	34
Sochaux	38	11	12	15	47	57	34
Toulon	38	9	15	14	43	46	33
Le Havre	38	11	11	16	49	53	33
Nancy	38	13	7	18	45	51	33
Strasbourg	38	10	11	17	36	54	31
Bastia	38	5	10	23	30	79	20

GREECE — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathinaikos	30	18	7	5	58	26	43
OFI	30	16	6	8	41	31	38
AEK Athens	30	13	10	7	42	28	36
Iraklis	30	14	8	8	34	22	36
Olympiakos	30	14	6	10	57	42	34
Panionios	30	14	6	10	38	33	34
Aris	30	11	11	8	35	29	33
Larissa	30	12	6	12	36	31	30
Kalamaria	30	9	10	11	24	29	28
PAOK	30	10	7	13	34	39	27
Innina	30	8	8	14	29	41	24
Apollon	30	5	14	11	20	35	24
Ethnikos	30	6	12	12	27	39	24
Doxa	30	7	10	13	24	43	24
Serres	30	8	8	14	28	45	24
Panachaiki	30	9	3	18	29	43	21

HUNGARY — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honved	30	17	11	2	63	29	45
Pecs	30	15	9	6	48	26	39
Raba ETO	30	13	11	6	60	43	37
Zalaegerszeg	30	12	12	6	48	34	36
Ferencvaros	30	12	10	8	35	29	34
Videoton	30	10	12	8	25	24	32
MTK VM	30	11	7	12	45	39	29
Tatabanya	30	9	11	10	34	30	29
Vasas	30	11	7	12	37	43	29
Haladas	30	9	9	12	34	37	27
Ujpest Dozsa	30	8	9	13	32	44	25
Bekescsaba	30	8	9	13	35	48	25
Debrecen	30	7	11	12	24	46	25
Siofok	30	8	8	14	28	46	24
Csepel	30	8	6	16	28	41	22
Volan	30	5	12	13	30	47	22

ITALY — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	30	18	9	3	43	17	45
Roma	30	19	3	8	51	27	41
Napoli	30	14	11	5	35	21	39
Fiorentina	30	10	13	7	29	23	33
Torino	30	11	11	8	31	26	33
Internazionale	30	12	8	10	36	33	32
Milan	30	10	11	9	26	24	31
Atalanta	30	7	15	8	27	28	29
Como	30	7	15	8	32	32	29
Verona	30	9	10	11	31	40	28
Avellino	30	9	9	12	28	38	27
Sampdoria	30	8	11	11	27	25	27
Udinese	30	6	13	11	31	37	25
Pisa	30	5	13	12	27	40	23
Bari	30	5	12	13	17	30	22
Lecce	30	5	6	19	23	55	16

POLAND — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gornik Zabrze	30	12	4	5	70	17	46
Legia Warsaw	30	17	8	5	55	29	42
Widzew Lodz	30	15	11	4	40	25	41
Lech Poznan	30	12	12	6	36	29	36
Katowice	30	10	11	9	46	45	31
Gornik Walbrzych	30	10	10	10	41	50	30
Slask Wroclaw	30	9	11	10	39	36	29
LKS Lodz	30	8	12	10	36	36	28
Ruch Chorzow	30	12	4	14	35	39	28
Pogon	30	8	11	11	44	44	27
Stal	30	10	5	15	25	32	25
Zaglebie Lublin	30	8	9	13	22	32	25
Motor	30	6	13	11	33	47	25
Lechia	30	7	10	13	23	35	24
Baltyk	30	7	9	14	28	47	23
Zaglebie Sosnowiec	30	6	8	16	24	54	20

WEST GERMANY — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	34	21	7	6	82	31	49
Werder Bremen	34	20	9	5	83	41	49
Bayer Uerdingen	34	19	7	8	63	60	45
Borrusia Mg	34	15	12	7	65	51	42
Stuttgart	34	17	7	10	69	45	41
Bayer Leverkusen	34	15	10	9	63	51	40
Hamburg	34	17	5	12	52	35	39
Mannheim	34	11	11	12	41	44	33
Bochum	34	14	4	16	55	57	32
Schalke	34	11	8	15	53	58	30
Kaiserslautern	34	10	10	14	49	54	30
Nurnberg	34	12	5	17	51	54	29
Koln	34	9	11	14	46	59	29
Fortuna D'dorf	34	11	7	16	54	78	29
Frankfurt	34	7	14	13	35	49	28
Dortmund	34	10	8	16	49	65	28
Saarbruecken	34	6	9	19	39	68	21
Hannover	34	5	8	21	43	92	18

● A match-fix scandal led the Slav Federation to order that the entire last round of league games be replayed. Partizan, who had finished top, refused to meet Zelyeznicar again and were awarded a statutory 3-0 defeat, which gave Red Star the title on goal difference.

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was the contributing factor to their demise, as the French side's single home goal proved decisive. It was the closest PSV would come to a final appearance in the coveted Champions' Cup, and the disappointment incurred left the club in a rut for the next twelve months.

The following season, Ajax regained the Dutch crown and for PSV, a massively disappointing season had its bitterest moment as early as October, when failure once again to score against St. Etienne over 180 minutes, denied them the opportunity to make amends for the previous season's defeat. The dream of European Cup glory was left smouldering in the ashes of a second round defeat.

It took the edge of the entire season and as Edstroem, who had done so much to enhance the club's reputation, returned to Sweden, somewhat disillusioned with the rigours of professional soccer, more hard work ensured that PSV came storming back in the 1977/78 season. A marvellous unbeaten run of 31 matches secured the title in a grand manner — and there was also, finally, European success.

Memorable

Competing in the UEFA Cup, PSV had difficult opposition all the way to the final. But Widzew Lodz, Eintracht Braunschweig and Magdeburg, were seen off, to set up a memorable semi-final clash with Barcelona. PSV played brilliantly at home, to win 3-0, but had to endure a torrid second leg at Nou Camp, as the Spaniards won 3-1. It took Nick Deacy's 47th goal to ensure survival — and PSV's first European final.

In the final — the first to be played on the island of Corsica — PSV faced surprise side Bastia, whose star player, Dutchman Johnny Rep, PSV knew all about. The first leg, however, was played in dreadful conditions, after heavy rain had flooded the pitch, though the Dutch side held out easily for a goalless draw.

And in the return leg, they made no mistake. Willy van der Kuylen scored after 24 minutes, and after Bastia had threatened, briefly, to get back into the game, two goals in three minutes a quarter of an hour into the second-half, from Deijkers and van der Kuylen, sealed PSV's first European trophy. The celebrations at the end were certainly justified, the UEFA Cup, icing on the cake for a Philips-backed club who for too long, had had to play second fiddle.

Now established as one of Europe's top clubs, the road ahead should have been paved with gold. Instead, a golden era which had produced three championships in four years was drawing to a close. The foundations suddenly became decidedly rocky, confirmation being offered in the following season's European Cup, when, having drawn 0-0 with Rangers in Glasgow, PSV suffered their first ever home defeat in a European tie, as the Ibrox side sensationally won 3-2 in Eindhoven. It was the end of a proud record and with it was to come a gradual decline; the ensuing years were not to be blessed with much success.

In the seven seasons prior to this year's championship win, the club was fairly consistent, though honours continued to elude them. Three runner-up spots and three third places were intermingled with a fifth in 1981, is a record many clubs would envy; but PSV are interested only in success and as Rijvers departed, so too, did his successor Kees Ploegsma, before Jan Reker, who had spent six years as youth trainer and four as assistant trainer to the senior team, took over and began the process of restoring the club's position at the top of Dutch soccer.

Further European success still continued to elude the club and early exit each season, became commonplace. For the last four seasons they have not progressed beyond the second round, beaten on three occasions by British sides, as both Dundee United and Nottingham Forest, further dented Eindhoven's proud home record.

And now, the PSV board, desperate to bring success back to the club have spared no expense in ensuring that PSV had what is now the strongest club squad Holland has seen for many years. Disgraced Belgian international, Eric Gerets, was bought to shore up the defence, Ruud Gullit – regarded by many as Holland's top player – was then bought from Feyenoord, in what was a major signing coup.

Gullit's signing prior to last season was clear evidence of PSV's intentions, but although they swept to the Dutch title by a massive margin of eight points, to ensure that the side was sufficiently strong to make a concentrated challenge for the European Cup, the highly talented Gerald Vanenburg was enticed from Ajax, together with Anderlecht's highly experienced Danish international midfield player, Frank Arnesen.

It now appears unlikely that any side can threaten PSV's domination of the domestic scene: the big question, however, is just what can this multi-talented and multi-national outfit do in the major European club competition, which in the past always seemed to be outside their grasp. For the fact remains that only the best will suffice for a club whose association with Philips, ensures the necessity of a high-profile and successful image.

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3.12.86	Albania — Spain	
25. 3.86	Rumania — Albania	
1. 4.87	Austria — Spain	
29. 4.87	Albania — Austria	
29. 4.87	Rumania — Spain	
14.10.87	Spain — Austria	
28.10.87	Albania — Rumania	
18.11.87	Spain — Albania	
18.11.87	Austria — Rumania	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 2
(Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Malta)

24. 9.86	Sweden — Switzerland	2-0
12.10.86	Portugal — Sweden	
29.10.86	Switzerland — Portugal	
15.11.86	Italy — Switzerland	
16.11.86	Malta — Sweden	
6.12.86	Malta — Italy	
24. 1.87	Italy — Malta	
14. 2.87	Portugal — Italy	
29. 3.87	Portugal — Malta	
15. 4.87	Switzerland — Malta	
6. 5.87	Sweden — Malta	
23. 5.87 or		
3. 6.87	Sweden — Italy	
10. 6.86 or		
17. 6.87	Switzerland — Sweden	
23. 9.87	Sweden — Portugal	
17.10.87	Switzerland — Italy	
11.11.87	Portugal — Switzerland	
14.11.87	Italy — Sweden	
15.11.87	Malta — Switzerland	
5.12.87	Italy — Portugal	
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Switzerland	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 3
(France, Sov. Union, E. Germany, Norway, Iceland)

10. 9.86	Iceland — France	0-0
24. 9.86	Iceland — Sov. Union	1-1
24. 9.86	Norway — E. Germany	0-0
11.10.86	France — Sov. Union	
29.10.86	Sov. Union — Norway	
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10.10.87	E. Germany — Sov. Union	
14.10.87	France — Norway	
28.10.87	Sov. Union — Iceland	
28.10.87	E. Germany — Norway	
18.11.87	France — E. Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iceland	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
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E. Germany	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Norway	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

Group 4
(England, N. Ireland, Turkey, Yugoslavia)

15.10.86	England — N. Ireland
15.10.86	Yugoslavia — Turkey
12.11.86	England — Yugoslavia
12.11.86	Turkey — N. Ireland
1. 4.87	N. Ireland — England
29. 4.87	N. Ireland — Yugoslavia
29. 4.87	Turkey — England
14.10.87	Yugoslavia — N. Ireland
14.10.87	England — Turkey
11.11.87	Yugoslavia — England
11.11.87	N. Ireland — Turkey
16.12.87	Turkey — Yugoslavia

Group 5
(Holland, Hungary, Poland, Greece, Cyprus)

15.10.86	Hungary — Holland
15.10.86	Poland — Greece
12.11.86	Greece — Hungary
19.11.86	Holland — Poland
3.12.86	Cyprus — Greece
21.12.86	Cyprus — Holland
14. 1.87	Greece — Cyprus
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25. 3.87	Holland — Greece
12. 4.87	Poland — Cyprus
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14.10.87	Hungary — Greece
14.10.87	Poland — Holland
28.10.87	Holland — Cyprus
11.11.87	Cyprus — Poland
2.12.87	Hungary — Cyprus
16.12.87	Greece — Holland

Group 6
(Denmark, Wales, Czechoslovakia, Finland)

10. 9.86	Finland — Wales	1-1
15.10.86	Czechoslovakia — Finland	
29.10.86	Denmark — Finland	
12.11.86	Czech — Denmark	
1. 4.87	Wales — Finland	
29. 4.87	Finland — Denmark	
29. 4.87	Wales — Czechoslovakia	
3. 6.87	Denmark — Czech	
9. 9.87	Wales — Denmark	
9. 9.87	Finland — Czechoslovakia	
14.10.87	Denmark — Wales	
11.11.87	Czechoslovakia — Wales	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Finland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Wales	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Czech.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 7
(Belgium, Bulgaria, Rep. Ireland, Scotland, Luxembourg)

10. 9.86	Scotland — Bulgaria	0-0
10. 9.86	Belgium — Rep. Ireland	2-2
15.10.86	Luxembourg — Belgium	
15.10.86	Rep. Ireland — Scotland	
12.11.86	Scotland — Luxembourg	
19.11.86	Belgium — Bulgaria	
18. 2.87	Scotland — Rep. Ireland	
1. 4.87	Bulgaria — Rep. Ireland	
1. 4.87	Belgium — Scotland	
29. 4.87	Rep. Ireland — Belgium	
30. 4.87	Luxembourg — Bulgaria	
20. 5.87	Bulgaria — Luxembourg	
28. 5.87	Luxembourg — Rep. Ireland	
9. 9.87	Rep. Ireland — Luxembourg	
23. 9.87	Bulgaria — Belgium	
14.10.87	Scotland — Belgium	
14.10.87	Rep. Ireland — Bulgaria	
11.11.87	Belgium — Luxembourg	
11.11.87	Bulgaria — Scotland	
2.12.87	Luxembourg — Scotland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Rep. Ireland	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Scotland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Final

15.10.86	Italy — Spain
29.10.86	Spain — Italy

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CUP

Group 1
(Finland, Norway, Denmark, West Germany)

10. 9.86	Denmark — Norway
1.10.86	W. Germany — Denmark
4.10.86	Norway — Finland

Group 2
(N. Ireland, Scotland, England, Rep. Ireland)

Sept. 86	N. Ireland — Rep. Ireland
12.10.86	Scotland — England

Group 3
(Holland, France, Belgium, Sweden)

20. 9.86	Holland — Belgium
1.10.86	Belgium — Sweden
18.10.86	Holland — Sweden

Group 4
(Hungary, Italy, Switzerland)

27. 9.86	Switzerland — Italy
11.10.86	Hungary — Switzerland
11.10.86	Italy — Spain

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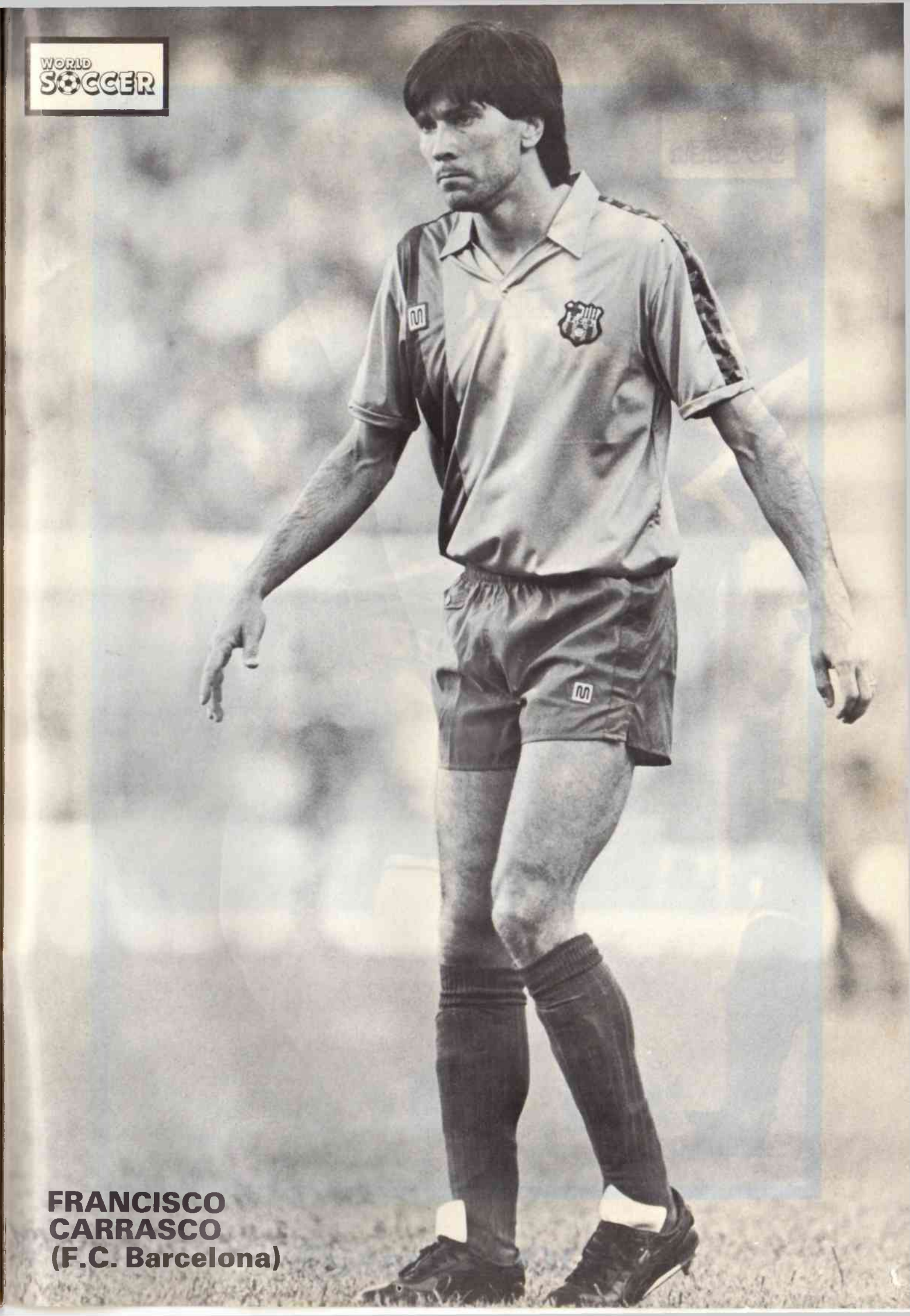

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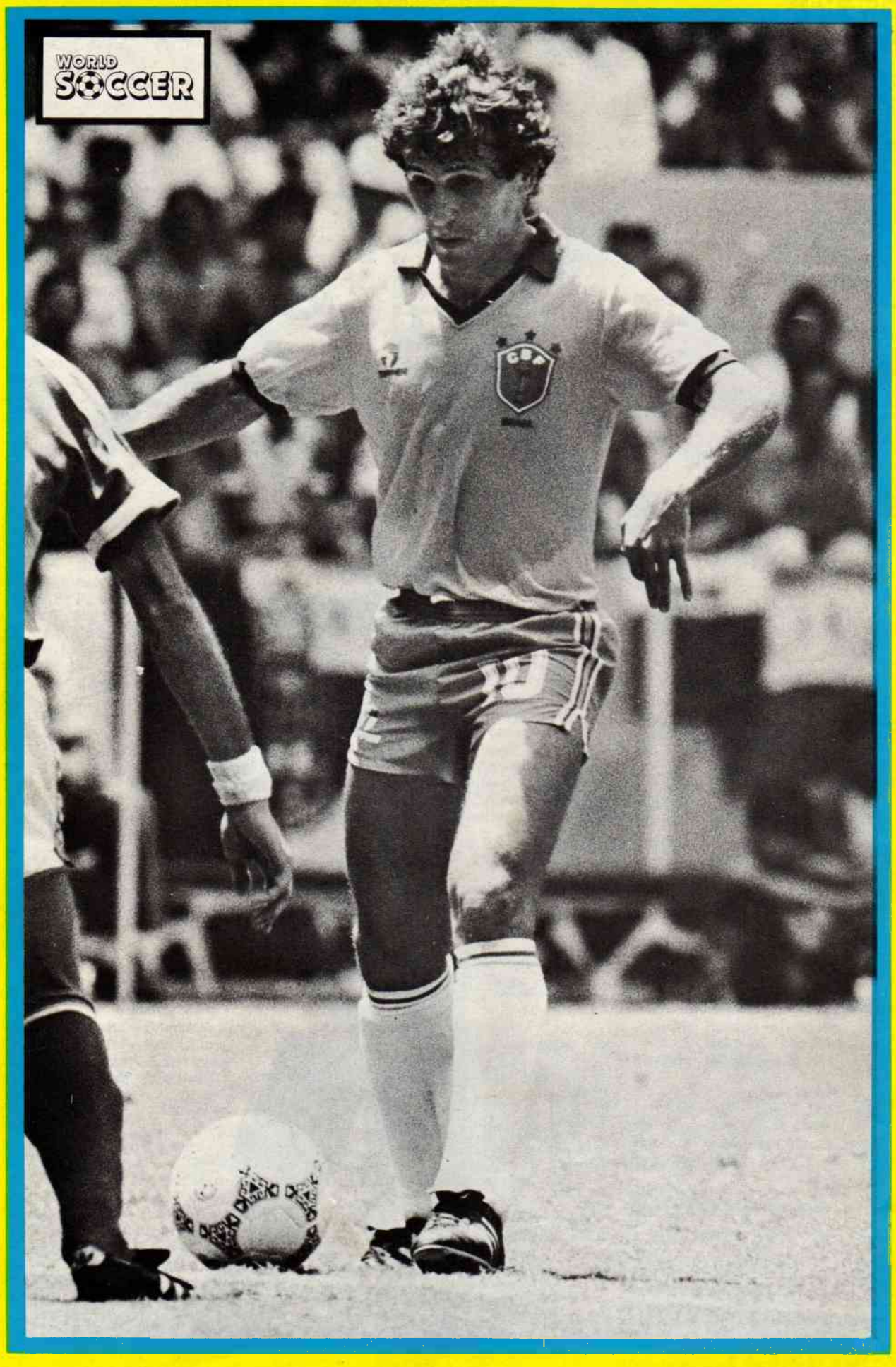

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